

MAY 1952

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA,
AUSTRALIA.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

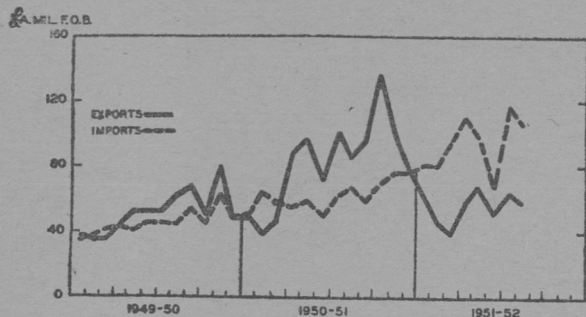
*Average
Wages
Commented*

MARCH, 1952.

No. 174.

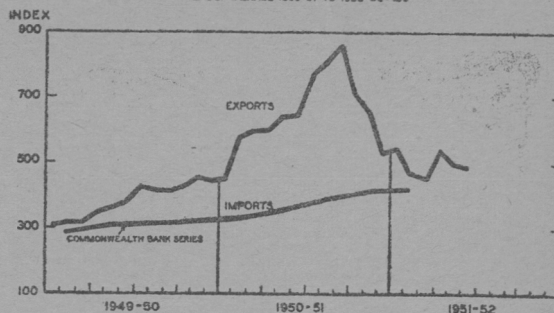
PREPARED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE TREASURER
BY
S. R. CARVER,
ACTING COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN.

OVERSEA TRADE

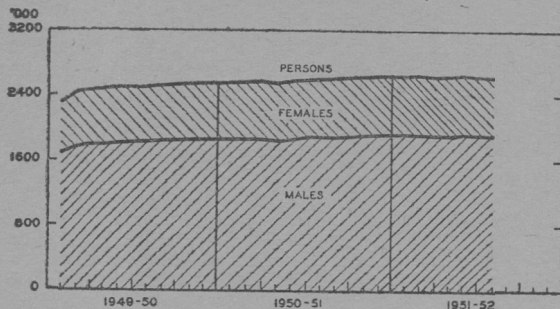


IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 100

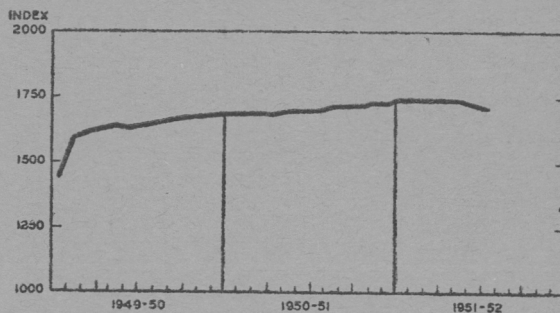


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (EXCLUDING RURAL AND DOMESTIC)

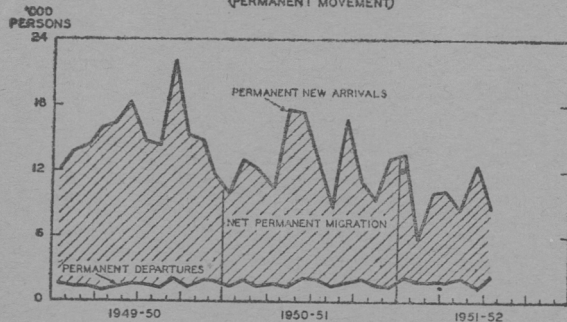


FACTORY EMPLOYMENT INDEX

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 1000

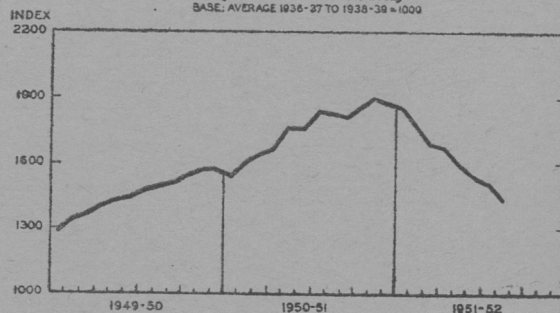


OVERSEA MIGRATION (PERMANENT MOVEMENT)



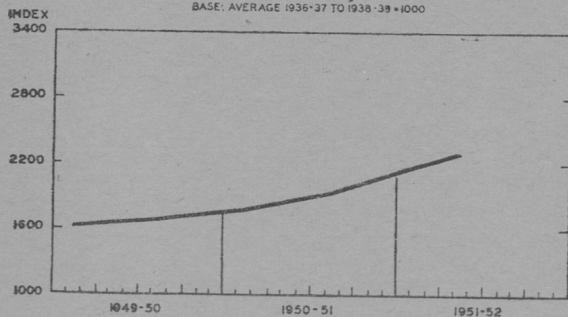
ORDINARY SHARE PRICE INDEX (SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE)

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 1000



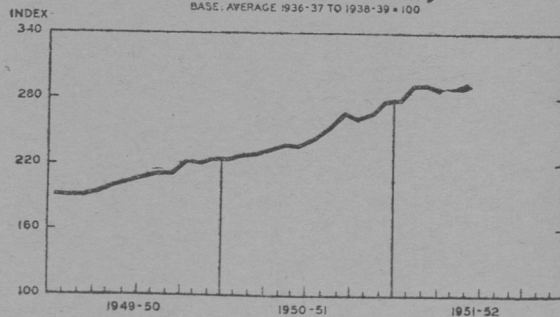
RETAIL PRICE INDEX: ALL ITEMS (C' SERIES)

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 1000



WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS)

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 100



CONTENTS.

The following symbols, where shown in columns of figures, mean—

- n.a. Not available.
 .. Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
 r Figure or series revised.
 p Preliminary—figure or series subject to revision.
 — Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

A blank space in a column of figures means that the figure concerned is not yet available.

	GENERAL.	PAGE. 2, 3
Indicators of Business Activity		
	POPULATION AND VITAL.	
Marriages, Births, Deaths, Migration and Population		4 5
Oversea Migration		
	EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.	
Wage and Salary Earners in Employment : Australia		6 7
" " " States		8
Employment in Factories		9
" " Retail Stores		10
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings		11, 12
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits		13
Trade Union Unemployment Returns		
	OVERSEA TRADE.	
Imports of Merchandise : Economic Classes		14, 15
" " Degree of Manufacture		16
Exports of Merchandise : Principal Commodities		17
	PRICES AND WAGES.	
Export Price Indexes : Simple Aggregative Index (Fixed Weights)		18, 19
" " Month-to-month Index (Changing Weights)		19
Wholesale Price Index		20
" " Indexes : Various Countries		21
Retail Price and Wage-Rate Indexes		22
Retail Prices, Hours and Wages		23
Primary Production Price Indexes		24
Security Price Indexes		25
Summary of Price Indexes		26
	BUILDING AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.	
Building Permits : Six Capital Cities and Suburbs		27
Building Operations : Metropolitan and Provincial		28, 29
Value of New Buildings		30
Number of New Houses		31
Production of Coal, Energy and Metals		32
" " Building Materials and Household Appliances		33
" " Textiles and Clothing		34, 35
" " Food and Drink		36
" " Miscellaneous Products		37
Industrial Production Indexes : Various Countries		38
	TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		39
Government Railways : Freight, Passengers and Revenue ; Mainland State Railways : Gross Revenue		40
Interstate Shipping Cargoes		41
Oversea Shipping Cargoes		42
Post Office Activity		43
	INTERNAL TRADE.	
Wholesale Trade		44
Retail Sales		45
	FINANCE.	
Private Trading Banks		46, 47
Commonwealth Bank of Australia		48, 49
All Cheque-paying Banks : Liabilities and Assets within Australia		50
" " Debits to Customers' Accounts		51
Savings Banks : Deposits and Savings Certificates		52
Interest Rates and Security Yields		53
Exchange Rates and Gold Prices		54
Life Assurance Business		55
Commonwealth and States : Revenue and Expenditure : Short-term Debt		56
	GRAPHS.	
Oversea Trade, Price Indexes, Employment, Oversea Migration		Inside front cover
Bank Debts to Customers' Accounts, Deposits and Advances, New Motor Vehicles Registered, New Houses, Production of		Inside back cover
Various Items		

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Employment—Australia.			Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46=1,000).(b)	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only).		Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Completed.(d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.
	Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a)				Imports.	Exports.				
	Males.	Females.	Total.							
	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m. f.o.b.	£m. f.o.b.	£'000.	No.	'000 tons.	Million kwh.
Monthly Averages.										
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391
1944-45 ..	1,284	626	1,910	1,013	17.7	12.9	520	n.a.	1,137	570
1945-46 ..	1,379	602	1,981	1,000	14.8	16.4	2,190	3,844	1,052	576
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	r1,037	17.4	25.7	4,084	8,152	1,178	627
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	r1,164	28.2	33.8	4,687	10,876	1,231	697
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	r1,322	34.5	45.2	5,577	12,835	1,276	754
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	13,871	1,243	792
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	61.8	r81.8	10,426	16,861	r1,369	r875
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—				r						r
January ..	1,822	674	2,496	1,467	44.5	52.2	6,221	12,169	1,025	752
February ..	1,835	681	2,516	1,469	44.0	61.1	8,011		1,267	758
March ..	1,839	688	2,527	1,487	53.7	66.8	8,357		1,441	845
April ..	1,846	686	2,532	1,488	43.9	50.1	6,716	14,873	1,199	791
May ..	1,855	689	2,544	1,533	61.7	77.8	10,043		1,602	921
June ..	1,859	688	2,547	1,538	48.2	47.6	9,198		1,301	924
1950-51—				r						r
July ..	1,858	690	2,548	1,568	50.6	49.2	9,117	16,217	1,379	955
August ..	1,864	691	2,555	1,590	64.0	38.5	10,026		1,605	952
September ..	1,868	696	2,564	1,606	56.9	46.4	9,602		1,487	881
October ..	1,844	700	(g)2,544	1,612	54.6	86.7	9,800	18,624	1,529	878
November ..	1,864	708	(g)2,572	1,626	58.3	95.8	10,783		1,519	843
December ..	1,884	712	2,596	1,711	49.5	72.2	7,369		1,175	806
January ..	1,887	703	2,590	1,816	62.2	98.8	9,599	15,123	r803	815
February ..	1,895	713	2,608	1,817	67.4	85.1	10,095		r1,152	799
March ..	1,897	716	2,613	1,811	58.4	94.6	10,867		r1,311	854
April ..	1,905	718	2,623	1,859	68.1	136.0	13,079	17,480	r1,444	872
May ..	1,911	719	2,630	1,925	76.0	98.7	12,942		r1,526	923
June ..	1,912	719	2,631	1,961	75.8	79.7	11,833		r1,486	927
1951-52—				r						r
July ..	1,913	720	2,633	1,968	80.7	58.3	11,792	18,343	1,656	997
August ..	1,912	722	2,634	2,025	80.2	45.9	12,906		1,741	1,004
September ..	1,907	721	2,628	2,066	94.9	r39.1	10,187		1,569	912
October ..	1,909	722	2,631	2,103	111.1	r57.3	11,184		1,855	948
November ..	1,919	724	2,643	2,117	97.6	r66.9	9,384		1,758	936
December ..	1,916	721	2,637	2,166	68.3	r49.7	7,788		1,313	871
January ..	1,917	711	2,628	2,134	117.8	r64.4	7,612		1,036	884
February ..	1,921	707	2,628	2,190	105.9	56.8			1,559	

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27).

(d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939. (g) Affected by industrial disputes.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.(a)	New Motor Vehicles Registered.(b)		Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (c)	Wholesale Trade—Australia: Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debts to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.				Deposits.	Advances.	
	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Averages.									
1932-33	32.7	1.0	0.3	3,017	1,053	29.1	269.9	231.0	n.a.
1936-37	89.4	4.0	2.0	3,407	1,318	37.2	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38	96.5	4.6	2.3	3,632	1,396	40.6	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39	97.4	4.5	2.1	3,580	1,447	39.8	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1944-45	112.1	0.1	0.6	5,869	2,323	52.3	567.8	208.7	n.a.
1945-46	87.9	0.2	0.7	5,576	2,371	55.7	606.4	212.2	122.4
1946-47	109.3	1.8	1.4	5,303	2,484	66.8	636.6	261.1	148.9
1947-48	111.9	3.6	2.4	(d)6,376	2,616	79.5	673.5	329.9	175.9
1948-49	98.0	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	776.4	368.6	212.8
1949-50	101.1	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51	117.7	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
March	112.3	12.3	5.7	8,540	3,582	124.1	1,006.6	404.7	305.5
April	105.5	10.0	4.8	7,574	2,916	110.5	1,018.0	414.9	284.6
May	114.4	14.9	7.0	8,709	3,703	134.9	1,001.6	414.1	312.9
June	122.0	12.5	6.0	8,438	3,550	126.6	1,004.9	427.2	307.8
1950-51—									
July	104.3	11.9	6.4	7,679	3,021	117.8	997.8	440.5	318.5
August	125.1	13.4	7.6	8,895	3,595	130.1	983.4	444.1	282.7
September ..	135.9	11.8	7.2	8,816	3,276	132.3	1,002.3	449.2	317.5
October	133.0	11.9	7.5	7,732	3,604	146.0	1,057.1	465.0	353.1
November ..	131.2	11.8	8.0	6,838	3,563	137.7	1,096.5	476.5	371.5
December ..	118.1	9.9	6.0	8,480	3,996	133.9	1,133.5	490.5	395.8
January	92.9	7.7	5.0	9,323	3,574	119.9	1,159.1	482.0	346.3
February ..	97.5	10.1	5.9	8,702	3,710	143.4	1,198.2	495.3	410.7
March	107.3	10.0	6.4	9,144	3,695	151.1	1,285.1	507.2	406.5
April	129.2	9.7	5.9	9,400	4,099	154.7	1,297.0	502.3	439.7
May	116.0	10.6	6.5	10,234	4,361	159.2	1,291.8	496.9	427.3
June	114.9	8.5	5.6	10,761	4,284	160.0	1,237.7	509.5	421.0
1951-52—									
July	111.7	10.7	7.0	10,129	4,346	162.1	1,204.3	527.6	413.5
August	138.5	13.6	9.4	10,697	4,555	r 172.8	1,190.6	541.6	361.6
September ..	132.3	10.8	6.3	10,037	4,090	pr 171.3	1,177.3	568.5	379.3
October	123.7	12.1	6.5	11,438	5,203	p 166.7	1,179.2	593.8	420.9
November ..	136.2	11.9	6.8	12,635	4,775		1,190.7	620.7	422.2
December ..	134.1	9.9	5.4	11,701	5,309		1,242.4	624.8	448.8
January	137.1	8.2	4.6		4,840		1,218.3	638.6	375.5
February ..	125.6				5,023		1,228.5	654.6	414.7
March					4,940		1,241.3	664.1	400.7

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.
metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (c) Actual collections.
Commonwealth railways.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-
(d) From July, 1947, covers all State and

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.			Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Averages.									
1936-37	..	..	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38	..	..	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39	..	..	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1944-45	..	..	16,275	39,901	17,305	22,596	— 730	20,495	7,391,692
1945-46	..	..	18,051	39,002	18,048	20,954	— 2,441	18,366	7,465,157
1946-47	..	..	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	— 1,611	28,550	7,579,358
1947-48	..	..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49	..	..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50	..	..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51	..	..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,391
Quarterly Totals.									
1948-49—									
December	Qtr.	..	20,038	44,997	18,042	26,955	21,950	48,905	7,794,880
March	..	..	18,739	43,636	16,298	27,338	25,688	53,026	7,847,906
June	..	..	18,987	43,607	18,885	24,722	39,178	63,900	7,911,806
1949-50—									
September	..	..	15,450	47,405	22,219	25,186	35,671	60,857	7,972,663
December	..	..	19,823	46,613	17,858	28,755	49,464	78,219	8,050,882
March	..	..	19,258	47,478	16,996	30,482	44,970	75,452	8,126,334
June	..	..	19,699	46,696	18,931	27,765	31,442	59,207	8,185,541
1950-51—									
September	..	..	16,636	48,433	23,668	24,765	31,278	56,043	8,241,584
December	..	..	20,006	47,984	18,592	29,392	44,815	74,207	8,315,791
March	..	..	20,387	48,013	17,239	30,774	33,633	64,407	8,380,198
June	..	..	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,391
1951-52—									
September	..	..	16,610	49,681	24,113	25,568	23,487	49,055	8,480,446
December	..	..	20,487	47,578	20,352	27,226	31,062	58,288	8,538,734

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.
 (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary		Permanent.		
	Australian Residents Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	New Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,937	2,294	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1944-45	255	246	(b) 342	577	- 235
1945-46	344	550	1,063	1,772	- 709
1946-47	940	1,229	1,918	2,107	- 189
1947-48	1,981	1,729	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	1,898	2,829	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,500	3,470	15,407	1,608	+ 13,799
1950-51	2,617	3,591	12,774	1,729	+ 11,045
Monthly Totals.					
1949-50—					
February	2,936	3,917	14,332	1,368	+ 12,964
March	4,215	4,992	22,313	2,246	+ 20,067
April	3,572	3,601	15,483	1,498	+ 13,985
May	3,679	3,643	14,927	1,925	+ 13,002
June	3,003	3,229	11,863	1,955	+ 9,908
1950-51—					
July	1,651	2,117	9,988	1,414	+ 8,574
August	1,784	3,621	13,078	2,099	+ 10,979
September	1,478	3,137	12,291	1,419	+ 10,872
October	1,645	4,197	10,416	1,656	+ 8,760
November	1,274	3,371	17,656	1,365	+ 16,291
December	3,510	3,851	17,429	2,285	+ 15,144
January	2,777	2,875	13,219	2,040	+ 11,179
February	3,517	4,936	8,650	1,499	+ 7,151
March	3,655	4,698	16,854	1,848	+ 15,006
April	4,153	3,511	11,264	2,061	+ 9,203
May	3,444	3,769	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758
June	2,512	3,040	13,112	1,489	+ 11,623
1951-52—					
July	2,606	2,928	13,445	2,418	+ 11,027
August	2,021	3,307	5,602	1,907	+ 3,695
September	1,927	3,191	9,881	1,925	+ 7,956
October	2,037	4,261	10,109	1,797	+ 8,312
November	2,440	3,363	8,476	2,173	+ 6,303
December	3,443	5,103	12,597	1,448	+ 11,149
January	3,359	4,502	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256
February	4,186	4,292	9,996	2,139	+ 7,857

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly average, 35.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.(c)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1949—May(d) ..	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	168.3
1950—June ..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0	171.2
1951—June ..	570.0	1,341.5	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4	171.7
1950—November(e)	541.6	1,322.7	1,864.3	54.5	658.9	204.3	280.1	130.9	183.6	171.8
December ..	560.0	1,324.2	1,884.2	54.1	663.0	202.8	292.8	134.0	184.2	172.6
1951—January ..	561.0	1,325.7	1,886.7	54.4	666.4	203.4	292.5	129.8	185.6	172.7
February ..	564.8	1,330.2	1,895.0	54.9	667.5	206.8	294.5	129.5	186.9	172.8
November ..	559.2	1,359.9	1,919.1	56.3	678.8	212.7	292.5	130.0	194.3	171.9
December ..	562.2	1,353.7	1,915.9	56.1	674.1	210.9	293.7	132.2	193.5	172.5
1952—January ..	563.7	1,353.1	1,916.8	55.9	675.4	211.9	295.7	128.5	193.7	172.8
February ..	568.2	1,352.3	1,920.5	56.5	674.3	214.0	296.9	127.3	194.4	173.7
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1949—May(d) ..	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.6
1950—June ..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8	211.2
1951—June ..	113.9	604.9	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3	214.7
1950—November(e)	108.6	599.5	708.1	0.8	229.6	3.4	38.9	121.1	67.4	213.8
December ..	110.1	601.4	711.5	0.8	228.1	3.5	40.0	124.9	67.4	213.6
1951—January ..	110.5	593.2	703.7	0.8	226.4	3.5	39.9	118.1	68.6	212.9
February ..	112.6	600.4	713.0	0.8	231.9	3.6	40.4	117.8	70.1	214.2
November ..	112.6	611.4	724.0	0.9	233.5	4.0	40.1	122.0	73.8	216.2
December ..	111.9	608.7	720.6	0.9	228.9	4.0	39.9	124.7	73.2	215.3
1952—January ..	112.8	598.0	710.8	0.9	223.4	4.1	40.2	119.0	74.2	214.7
February ..	114.8	592.5	707.3	0.9	219.9	4.2	40.2	116.5	74.6	216.4
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1949—May(d) ..	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.9
1950—June ..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8	382.4
1951—June ..	683.9	1,946.4	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7	386.4
1950—November(e)	650.2	1,922.2	2,572.4	55.3	888.5	207.7	319.0	252.0	251.0	385.6
December ..	670.1	1,925.6	2,595.7	54.9	891.1	206.3	332.8	258.9	251.6	386.2
1951—January ..	671.5	1,918.9	2,590.4	55.2	892.8	206.9	332.4	247.9	254.2	385.6
February ..	677.4	1,930.6	2,608.0	55.7	899.4	210.4	334.9	247.3	257.0	387.0
November ..	671.8	1,971.3	2,643.1	57.2	912.3	216.7	332.6	252.0	268.1	388.1
December ..	674.1	1,962.4	2,636.5	57.0	903.0	214.9	333.6	256.9	266.7	387.8
1952—January ..	676.5	1,951.1	2,627.6	56.8	898.8	216.0	335.9	247.5	267.9	387.5
February ..	683.0	1,944.8	2,627.8	57.4	894.2	218.2	337.1	243.8	269.0	390.1

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision.
 (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia.
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).
 (d) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).
 (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1949—May(b) ..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1950—June ..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1950—October(c) ..	746.2	489.6	252.7	162.0	121.9	58.2	4.6	8.1	1,843.3
November(c)	748.3	500.6	253.3	167.6	122.9	58.8	4.6	8.2	1,864.3
December ..	751.4	517.6	251.7	167.9	123.1	59.7	4.5	8.3	1,884.2
1951—January ..	752.1	519.0	251.1	168.5	123.8	59.5	4.5	8.2	1,886.7
February ..	754.4	520.8	253.4	169.0	124.9	59.9	4.4	8.2	1,895.0
October ..	758.9	522.7	259.8	169.3	125.8	60.2	4.6	7.8	1,909.1
November	765.0	524.3	260.1	169.9	126.6	60.9	4.5	7.8	1,919.1
December	764.6	525.2	255.9	170.2	126.7	61.0	4.5	7.8	1,915.9
1952—January ..	762.7	528.4	254.3	171.2	127.0	61.1	4.3	7.8	1,916.8
February ..	763.6	528.7	256.6	171.0	127.5	61.0	4.2	7.9	1,920.5
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1949—May(b) ..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1950—June ..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1950—October(c) ..	285.7	212.7	84.0	55.4	40.3	19.1	0.8	2.3	700.3
November(c)	289.2	215.3	84.2	56.5	40.6	19.2	0.8	2.3	708.1
December ..	289.8	216.3	84.7	56.4	41.2	20.0	0.8	2.3	711.5
1951—January ..	284.9	214.6	84.5	56.6	40.3	19.6	0.8	2.4	703.7
February ..	288.3	218.1	85.7	56.7	41.2	19.8	0.8	2.4	713.0
October ..	293.7	219.4	86.9	57.3	41.4	19.7	0.8	2.4	721.6
November	295.2	220.2	87.0	57.1	41.5	19.8	0.8	2.4	724.0
December	293.4	218.4	86.6	57.2	41.7	20.1	0.8	2.4	720.6
1952—January ..	287.2	216.7	85.6	57.3	40.6	20.2	0.8	2.4	710.8
February ..	285.1	215.9	84.9	56.6	41.3	20.2	0.8	2.5	707.3
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1949—May(b) ..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1950—June ..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1950—October(c) ..	1,031.9	702.3	336.7	217.4	162.2	77.3	5.4	10.4	2,543.6
November(c)	1,037.5	715.9	337.5	224.1	163.5	78.0	5.4	10.5	2,572.4
December ..	1,041.2	733.9	336.4	224.3	164.3	79.7	5.3	10.6	2,595.7
1951—January ..	1,037.0	733.6	335.6	225.1	164.1	79.1	5.3	10.6	2,590.4
February ..	1,042.7	738.9	339.1	225.7	166.1	79.7	5.2	10.6	2,608.0
October ..	1,052.6	742.1	346.7	226.6	167.2	79.9	5.4	10.2	2,630.7
November	1,060.2	744.5	347.1	227.0	168.1	80.7	5.3	10.2	2,643.1
December	1,058.0	743.6	342.5	227.4	168.4	81.1	5.3	10.2	2,636.5
1952—January ..	1,049.9	745.1	339.9	228.5	167.6	81.3	5.1	10.2	2,627.6
February ..	1,048.7	744.6	341.5	227.6	168.8	81.2	5.0	10.4	2,627.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

(b) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

(c) Affected by industrial disputes.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.2	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	(b)727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
Monthly Totals.											
1949-50 p—											
February..	370.2	283.1	80.1	77.1	37.0	21.8	647.6	221.7	869.3	1,653	1,406
March ..	371.6	286.3	80.2	78.1	37.4	22.4	651.7	224.3	876.0	1,666	1,413
April ..	371.0	285.4	80.3	78.6	37.4	22.6	651.8	223.5	875.3	1,665	1,409
May ..	373.7	285.8	81.0	78.8	37.9	22.7	655.8	224.1	879.9	1,674	1,413
June ..	374.4	286.4	82.5	79.1	37.9	22.5	659.0	223.8	882.8	1,679	1,413
1950-51 p—											
July ..	373.8	286.5	83.0	79.6	37.8	22.3	659.0	224.0	883.0	1,679	1,410
August ..	375.5	286.6	83.3	79.3	37.9	21.6	659.9	224.3	884.2	1,682	1,408
September	376.2	287.1	83.3	79.9	38.1	21.5	660.2	225.9	886.1	1,685	1,408
October(c)	378.0	283.2	82.9	80.0	38.2	21.3	655.9	227.7	883.6	1,681	1,401
November(c)	379.2	286.1	83.0	80.2	38.3	21.7	658.9	229.6	888.5	1,690	1,404
December	377.6	290.8	81.2	80.5	38.3	22.7	663.0	228.1	891.1	1,695	1,404
January ..	378.1	291.1	81.5	81.3	38.5	22.3	666.4	226.4	892.8	1,698	1,404
February..	380.4	293.6	82.4	81.6	39.0	22.4	667.5	231.9	899.4	1,711	1,411
March ..	379.1	293.8	83.4	81.8	39.1	22.6	667.6	232.2	899.8	1,711	1,407
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412
May ..	383.5	295.3	85.4	81.6	39.4	23.1	674.0	234.3	908.3	1,728	1,413
June ..	384.4	295.6	85.3	81.7	39.5	22.6	674.7	234.4	909.1	1,729	1,410
1951-52 p—											
July ..	384.8	295.5	86.2	81.7	39.5	22.2	675.3	234.6	909.9	1,731	1,408
August ..	385.4	295.2	87.4	81.6	39.5	21.4	675.3	235.2	910.5	1,732	1,405
September	385.2	295.6	86.8	81.4	39.0	21.5	674.0	235.5	909.5	1,730	1,400
October ..	386.0	297.5	86.0	81.8	39.3	21.3	676.0	235.9	911.9	1,734	1,399
November	386.9	297.3	85.3	81.9	39.4	21.5	678.8	233.5	912.3	1,735	1,399
December	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	674.1	228.9	903.0	1,718	1,383
January ..	380.2	294.5	80.3	82.3	39.0	22.5	675.4	223.4	898.8	1,710	1,374
February..	378.1	292.4	80.9	81.5	39.1	22.2	674.3	219.9	894.2	1,701	1,364

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.
dockyards—89.1.

(c) Affected by industrial disputes.

(b) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.(a)

(Estimated Number of Employees in Thousands.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia (b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Averages.									
1944-45	66.6	47.8	21.8	16.1	11.8	5.3	74.3	95.3	169.6
1945-46	74.1	53.1	24.0	17.6	13.4	5.9	99.2	89.2	188.4
1946-47	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
February	92.5	66.8	30.3	23.2	17.4	7.1	127.0	110.8	237.8
March	93.7	66.9	30.3	23.2	17.7	7.0	126.9	112.3	239.2
April	93.8	67.1	30.1	23.2	17.6	7.0	127.0	112.5	239.5
May	94.4	67.1	30.3	23.4	17.7	7.0	127.0	113.5	240.5
June	94.0	67.3	30.3	23.4	17.7	7.1	127.1	113.3	240.4
1950-51—									
July	94.2	67.1	30.4	23.2	17.7	7.1	127.2	113.0	240.2
August	94.3	67.1	30.4	23.3	17.7	7.1	127.3	113.2	240.5
September	95.0	67.2	30.7	23.4	17.8	7.0	127.6	114.1	241.7
October	97.1	67.7	30.8	23.6	17.8	7.2	128.0	116.8	244.8
November	100.6	69.7	31.1	24.6	18.1	7.3	130.9	121.1	252.0
December	104.5	70.6	32.1	24.5	19.0	7.6	134.0	124.9	258.9
January	97.1	69.2	31.5	23.9	18.3	7.3	129.8	118.1	247.9
February	96.8	69.1	31.3	23.8	18.4	7.3	129.5	117.8	247.3
March	96.6	69.2	31.2	23.9	18.5	7.3	129.2	118.1	247.3
April	96.7	69.4	31.2	23.9	18.6	7.3	129.4	118.4	247.8
May	96.8	69.7	31.4	24.1	18.4	7.3	129.6	118.8	248.4
June	96.9	69.6	31.6	24.2	18.5	7.4	129.7	119.1	248.8
1951-52—									
July	96.8	69.7	31.7	23.9	18.5	7.4	129.5	119.1	248.6
August	96.9	69.5	31.7	24.0	18.3	7.3	129.2	119.1	248.3
September	96.1	69.2	31.6	23.9	18.4	7.3	128.7	118.5	247.2
October	96.7	68.7	31.6	24.1	18.4	7.3	128.5	118.8	247.3
November	99.1	70.1	32.0	24.1	18.6	7.4	130.0	122.0	252.0
December	101.9	70.8	32.6	24.2	19.1	7.6	132.2	124.7	256.9
January	96.5	69.0	31.5	24.0	18.5	7.4	128.5	119.0	247.5
February	95.1	68.1	31.1	23.4	18.5	7.2	127.3	116.5	243.8

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

(Revised Series.)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).							
1945-46	4,966	3,378	1,563	947	689	344	11,887
1946-47	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1949-50—							
September Qtr. ..	8,013	5,917	2,681	1,741	1,218	622	20,192
December „ ..	9,428	6,519	2,908	1,907	1,330	671	22,763
March „ ..	8,890	6,154	2,744	1,870	1,320	665	21,643
June „ ..	9,740	6,890	3,020	2,058	1,390	730	23,828
1950-51—							
September Qtr. ..	10,024	7,075	3,167	2,129	1,493	710	24,598
December „ ..	11,233	7,688	3,487	2,277	1,575	776	27,036
March „ ..	11,413	7,893	3,443	2,449	1,641	843	27,682
June „ ..	12,869	9,010	3,907	2,701	1,846	939	31,272
1951-52—							
September Qtr. ..	13,387	9,292	4,099	2,808	1,987	950	32,523
December „ ..	14,988	10,122	4,439	3,054	2,110	1,046	35,759

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)							
1945-46	6.57	6.59	5.95	5.89	6.04	5.67	6.37
1946-47	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1949-50—							
September Qtr. ..	8.84	9.27	8.02	8.39	8.19	8.00	8.73
December „ ..	9.87	10.06	8.56	8.95	8.81	8.51	9.54
March „ ..	9.22	9.37	8.07	8.63	8.63	8.35	8.98
June „ ..	10.04	10.40	8.72	9.34	8.93	9.08	9.78
1950-51—							
September Qtr. ..	10.27	10.65	9.00	9.55	9.52	8.91	10.03
December „ ..	11.37	11.53	9.87	10.16	9.93	9.62	10.94
March „ ..	11.41	11.51	9.65	10.76	10.14	10.17	11.01
June „ ..	12.78	13.05	10.75	11.81	11.31	11.19	12.34
1951-52—							
September Qtr. ..	13.26	13.45	11.18	12.26	12.14	11.42	12.79
December „ ..	14.75	14.65	12.21	13.31	12.83	12.47	14.04

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above. The break in continuity is marked because a sudden change in the proportion used to convert females to male equivalents (52 per cent. to 55 per cent.) throws some doubt on the accuracy of comparison between these two periods.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(d)
	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Averages.									
1946-47	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
February	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	2,013	7,588	824
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	2,111	7,713	852
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,902	7,381	842
May	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,289	7,506	836
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	1,226	7,491	908
1950-51—									
July	513	164	437	6	101	26	1,247	7,841	880
August	250	54	200	5	75	24	608	7,730	908
September	220	51	120	8	54	26	479	7,576	898
October	243	67	127	7	45	17	506	7,595	892
November	214	137	145	6	58	11	571	7,212	873
December	450	129	268	8	63	10	928	6,370	808
January	179	46	401	5	64	9	704	6,326	832
February	170	30	703	6	54	11	974	6,890	859
March	433	43	646	5	54	9	1,190	6,622	838
April	266	48	291	4	53	8	670	6,540	800
May(e)	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,960	850
June	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921
1951-52—									
July	233	198	137	5	49	8	630	7,145	940
August	121	45	138	9	45	9	367	7,273	950
September	102	206	148	4	38	7	505	7,006	955
October	118	24	210	6	31	3	392	7,066	962
November	152	51	483	4	26	3	719	6,318	963
December	336	126	1,551	4	47	3	2,067	5,562	858
January	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981
February	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,852	6,131	997

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.
 (d) Excludes migrants. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Averages.								
1946-47	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280	..	2,328	137,510
1947-48	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	19,088		86,435
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50—								
February ..	1,006	67	1,073	8,168	60,747	28,169	4,645	101,729
March	877	81	958	7,289	79,810	35,841		122,940
April	776	103	879	12,597	56,918	29,437		98,952
May	467	93	560	8,608	66,330	34,517		109,455
June	407	96	503	7,461	77,271	32,584		117,316
1950-51—								
July	1,457	260	1,717	4,410	54,539	25,598		84,547
August	686	89	775	5,944	76,937	30,086		112,967
September ..	550	111	661	4,713	68,048	21,063		93,824
October	419	60	479	2,921	64,989	20,523		83,433
November ..	911	85	996	6,313	71,551	21,056		98,920
December ..	1,070	119	1,189	3,458	57,693	22,222		83,373
January	732	94	826	6,879	56,967	22,755		86,601
February ..	1,238	104	1,342	5,668	57,374	20,669		83,711
March	1,280	104	1,384	8,417	65,428	8,995		82,840
April	1,063	89	1,152	7,689	61,701	9,488		78,878
May	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	13,093		77,985
June	695	112	807	105	51,524	13,505		65,134
1951-52—								
July	870	109	979	4,024	50,463	6,531		61,018
August	475	73	548	3,932	68,164	7,097		79,193
September ..	407	85	492	2,518	62,452	11,197		76,167
October	468	76	544	3,409	73,246	8,546		85,201
November ..	706	121	827	4,085	59,058	6,584		69,727
December ..	1,934	241	2,175	7,920	54,718	7,033		69,671
January	1,940	241	2,181	16,964	61,154	10,443		88,561
February ..	1,605	448	2,053	24,057	58,020	10,305		92,382

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

(Per cent.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1944-45	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a) ..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
1948-49—							
November	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
February	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
May	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
1949-50—							
August (a)	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
November	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
February	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51—							
August	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7
February	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
May	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.8
1951-52—							
August	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	2.3	0.6
November	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.9	0.7

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM AUGUST, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1951.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.4% to 0.3%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.2% to 0.4%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.5% to 1.4%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.4% to 0.6%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.2% to 0.1%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 1.6% to 1.3%; VII. Building, 0.8% to 1.3%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.6% to 2.7%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 0.6% to 0.7%; IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.3% to 0.4%; All groups, 0.6% to 0.7%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.										
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.							
Monthly Averages.														
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6	621	7.2	408	4.7	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1	784	7.4	470	4.4	36	0.4
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1	736	7.8	469	4.9	88	0.9
1944-45 ..	205	1.2	181	1.0	6,139	34.7	6,525	36.9	1,645	9.3	812	4.6	4,086	23.1
1945-46 ..	258	1.8	348	2.4	5,438	36.8	6,044	41.0	1,665	11.3	629	4.3	2,539	17.2
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9	1,527	8.8	1,129	6.5	428	2.5
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5	2,379	8.4	2,059	7.3	129	0.5
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6	3,037	8.8	2,212	6.4	257	0.7
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8	3,852	8.6	2,390	5.4	129	0.3
1950-51 p..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2	5,029	8.1	2,829	4.6	94	0.2
Monthly Totals.														
1949-50—														
February	2,251	5.1	497	1.1	12,960	29.5	15,708	35.7	4,638	10.5	2,927	6.7	202	0.5
March ..	2,900	5.4	400	0.7	17,089	31.9	20,389	38.0	3,710	6.9	2,456	4.6	222	0.4
April ..	1,931	4.4	442	1.0	13,344	30.4	15,717	35.8	3,714	8.5	1,876	4.3	82	0.2
May ..	2,727	4.4	413	0.7	19,313	31.3	22,453	36.4	4,872	7.9	2,715	4.4	115	0.2
June ..	2,287	4.7	387	0.8	16,177	33.6	18,851	39.1	4,443	9.2	1,747	3.6	33	0.1
1950-51 p—														
July ..	2,465	4.9	347	0.7	17,787	35.1	20,599	40.7	3,841	7.6	1,918	3.8	42	0.1
August ..	3,739	5.8	675	1.1	22,462	35.1	26,876	42.0	4,941	7.7	2,214	3.5	87	0.1
September	2,666	4.7	655	1.2	20,171	35.4	23,492	41.3	5,254	9.2	2,496	4.4	38	0.1
October	2,762	5.0	490	0.9	19,394	35.6	22,646	41.5	4,907	9.0	3,041	5.6	62	0.1
November	2,807	4.8	601	1.0	22,080	37.8	25,488	43.6	4,778	8.2	2,789	4.8	40	0.1
December	3,039	6.1	430	0.9	18,898	38.2	22,367	45.2	3,540	7.1	2,926	5.9	26	0.1
January ..	3,918	6.3	240	0.4	21,730	34.9	25,888	41.6	5,366	8.6	3,441	5.5	187	0.3
February	3,967	5.9	352	0.5	23,522	34.9	27,841	41.3	6,192	9.2	3,124	4.6	74	0.1
March ..	3,546	6.1	164	0.3	22,662	38.8	26,372	45.2	3,797	6.5	2,371	4.1	36	0.1
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7	5,935	8.7	3,325	4.9	170	0.3
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1	5,919	7.7	3,584	4.7	102	0.1
June ..	4,380	5.8	398	0.5	32,291	42.6	37,069	48.9	5,878	7.8	2,728	3.6	255	0.3
1951-52 p—														
July ..	3,232	4.0	422	0.5	36,818	45.6	40,472	50.1	5,974	7.4	4,173	5.2	156	0.2
August ..	5,175	6.4	698	0.9	32,835	41.0	38,708	48.3	5,431	6.8	2,940	3.7	101	0.1
September	5,183	5.5	465	0.5	42,478	44.7	48,126	50.7	5,899	6.2	6,157	6.5	200	0.2
October..	6,367	5.7	495	0.4	45,293	40.8	52,155	46.9	5,154	4.6	8,431	7.6	321	0.3
November	4,714	4.8	846	0.9	37,711	38.6	43,271	44.3	5,984	6.1	6,432	6.6	564	0.6
December	5,638	8.3	667	1.0	27,162	39.7	33,467	49.0	3,884	5.6	3,679	5.4	514	0.8
January ..	8,144	6.9	620	0.5	46,944	39.9	55,708	47.3	8,079	6.9	4,522	3.8	5,803	4.9
February	5,604	5.3	471	0.5	41,109	38.8	47,184	44.6	5,515	5.2	7,709	7.3	1,509	1.4

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.			Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.	Total.						
		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.											
			Class IV.	Class V. B.					Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.	
Monthly Averages.														
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157	13.4	1,719	19.9
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299	12.3	1,898	17.9
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217	12.9	1,865	19.8
1944-45 ..	1,263	7.2	1,667	9.4	72	0.4	608	3.4	115	0.7	881	5.0	1,604	9.1
1945-46 ..	1,179	8.0	970	6.5	105	0.7	636	4.3	51	0.3	940	6.4	1,627	11.0
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777	10.2	2,752	15.8
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330	11.9	5,227	18.6
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714	10.9	5,947	17.4
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233	9.5	6,974	15.6
1950-51p ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893	9.5	9,509	15.4
Monthly Totals.														
1949-50—														
February	4,777	10.9	8,664	19.7	589	1.3	2,359	5.3	618	1.4	3,489	8.0	6,466	14.7
March ..	6,871	12.8	11,046	20.5	809	1.5	2,455	4.6	666	1.2	5,079	9.5	8,200	15.3
April ..	5,334	12.1	10,499	23.9	363	0.8	1,904	4.3	488	1.1	3,950	9.0	6,342	14.4
May ..	7,694	12.5	13,647	22.1	783	1.3	3,021	4.9	509	0.8	5,845	9.5	9,375	15.2
June ..	5,272	10.9	8,776	18.2	955	2.0	3,289	6.8	413	0.9	4,431	9.2	8,133	16.9
1950-51 p—														
July ..	5,900	11.6	9,087	18.0	684	1.3	3,238	6.4	499	1.0	4,799	9.5	8,536	16.9
August ..	7,702	12.0	11,102	17.4	730	1.1	2,804	4.4	690	1.1	6,852	10.7	10,346	16.2
September	5,992	10.5	10,034	17.6	1,363	2.4	2,007	3.5	722	1.3	5,504	9.7	8,233	14.5
October	6,000	11.0	8,440	15.5	673	1.2	2,432	4.4	586	1.1	5,763	10.6	8,781	16.1
November	6,466	11.1	8,328	14.3	1,269	2.2	2,642	4.5	747	1.3	5,797	9.9	9,186	15.7
December	5,226	10.5	6,965	14.1	1,256	2.5	2,287	4.6	524	1.1	4,424	8.9	7,235	14.6
January ..	6,475	10.4	10,106	16.3	896	1.4	3,149	5.1	890	1.4	5,808	9.4	9,847	15.9
February	8,822	13.1	10,692	15.9	1,043	1.6	2,893	4.3	846	1.3	5,854	8.6	9,593	14.2
March ..	6,038	10.3	8,768	15.0	2,037	3.5	2,617	4.5	1,020	1.7	5,316	9.1	8,953	15.3
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,471	9.5	10,023	14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	9,469	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,596	8.7	11,299	14.9
June ..	7,055	9.3	9,010	11.9	1,770	2.3	3,695	4.9	850	1.1	7,533	9.9	12,078	15.9
1951-52 p—														
July ..	7,027	8.7	9,250	11.5	1,321	1.6	4,659	5.8	736	0.9	6,944	8.6	12,339	15.3
August ..	9,270	11.5	10,049	12.5	1,278	1.6	3,443	4.3	831	1.1	8,116	10.1	12,390	15.5
September	8,876	9.3	9,780	10.3	1,421	1.5	3,815	4.0	1,399	1.5	9,260	9.8	14,474	15.3
October ..	10,985	9.9	14,083	12.7	1,958	1.8	4,327	3.9	1,560	1.4	12,115	10.9	18,002	16.2
November	9,795	10.0	13,582	13.9	2,110	2.2	3,687	3.8	1,558	1.6	10,666	10.9	15,911	16.3
December	7,210	10.6	8,087	11.8	1,053	1.5	2,039	3.0	1,065	1.6	7,340	10.7	10,444	15.3
January ..	11,374	9.7	13,992	11.9	2,864	2.4	3,096	2.6	1,785	1.5	10,587	9.0	15,468	13.1
February	11,450	10.8	15,836	15.0	2,390	2.2	2,698	2.5	1,856	1.8	9,746	9.2	14,300	13.5

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1944-45..	1,320	632	4,573	106	380	1,118	1,426	2,930	13,318	17,674
1945-46..	1,810	631	3,603	75	485	1,067	1,885	3,048	9,825	14,758
1946-47..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51p	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
February	3,773	1,579	10,356	194	1,373	4,899	3,967	8,538	31,466	43,971
March	4,853	2,053	13,483	215	1,157	6,828	5,068	8,059	40,576	53,703
April ..	4,724	1,307	9,686	227	988	5,127	4,951	6,962	32,014	43,927
May ..	5,686	2,342	14,425	234	1,812	7,329	5,920	10,395	45,339	61,654
June ..	5,616	1,831	11,404	310	2,196	5,627	5,926	9,360	32,924	48,210
1950-51 p—										
July ..	4,064	2,939	13,596	237	2,299	6,000	4,301	10,119	36,187	50,607
August	6,067	2,811	17,998	218	1,587	8,541	6,285	10,661	47,052	63,998
September	6,250	2,506	14,736	175	1,173	6,885	6,425	10,108	40,369	56,902
October	5,553	2,926	14,167	447	1,201	7,133	6,000	10,057	38,493	54,550
November	7,337	2,545	15,606	208	1,717	7,261	7,545	10,117	40,682	58,344
December	5,763	2,274	14,330	194	1,205	5,836	5,957	7,943	35,641	49,541
January	5,600	2,633	17,655	128	2,045	7,674	5,728	11,244	45,234	62,206
February	6,925	3,363	17,553	377	1,543	7,673	7,302	12,376	47,703	67,381
March	8,144	2,942	15,286	352	1,253	7,348	8,496	9,002	40,874	58,372
April ..	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,305	10,364	12,228	45,488	68,080
May ..	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,888	10,502	14,445	51,100	76,047
June ..	8,227	4,360	24,482	289	1,700	10,089	8,516	13,231	54,096	75,843
1951-52 p—										
July ..	14,925	4,141	21,406	649	2,525	9,165	15,574	13,902	51,236	80,712
August	6,159	5,934	26,615	633	1,482	10,275	6,792	14,480	58,895	80,167
September	7,083	5,501	35,542	524	1,674	12,276	7,607	14,809	72,517	94,933
October	10,439	7,707	34,009	669	1,574	15,759	11,108	16,585	83,396	111,089
November	7,625	5,926	29,720	294	1,591	14,026	7,919	15,612	74,118	97,649
December	5,386	3,825	24,256	143	765	9,536	5,529	9,895	52,914	68,338
January	10,808	7,976	36,924	251	1,366	13,851	11,059	19,678	87,073	117,810
February	8,448	4,872	33,864	202	1,313	12,785	8,650	14,031	83,212	105,893

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold)
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
1944-45	4,116	1,374	688	155	1,176	550	463	298	26	12,927
1945-46	5,772	1,463	1,023	268	1,168	986	352	179	105	16,404
1946-47	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,746
1947-48	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,832
1948-49	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108	(a)2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,217
1949-50	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,131
1950-51	52,779	8,921	1,539	1,240	2,533	2,272	1,796	389	477	81,805
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
February	28,590	8,632	7,988	923	3,546	1,294	1,219	63	85	61,110
March	38,899	8,727	1,826	700	2,175	1,619	2,488	48	160	66,781
April	27,804	7,314	1,705	702	2,009	1,117	1,385	241	793	50,120
May	42,448	13,417	2,160	911	2,559	1,661	2,287	548	1,126	77,782
June	22,367	6,477	1,390	384	2,973	1,302	1,386	435	841	47,595
1950-51—										
July	27,301	6,098	355	406	2,720	1,261	1,144	933	239	49,176
August	13,056	7,727	520	2,120	1,772	2,125	1,021	335	288	38,461
September ..	16,427	10,790	809	2,101	2,858	2,030	2,104	382	114	46,368
October	53,849	10,791	1,548	1,620	2,688	2,367	2,014	385	258	86,672
November ..	66,189	9,420	1,859	1,730	2,080	1,944	2,123	179	124	95,778
December ..	50,995	5,828	3,352	1,601	1,734	1,726	333	117	59	72,233
January	69,928	9,879	2,547	1,315	2,058	1,862	1,346	63	87	98,826
February	54,273	8,127	3,977	1,958	2,986	2,895	705	45	105	85,143
March	69,499	8,371	1,377	887	2,130	2,238	563	46	334	94,563
April	101,817	8,623	1,052	368	2,660	3,408	2,926	502	1,170	136,036
May	64,961	10,315	660	375	3,538	3,157	2,070	726	1,663	98,660
June	45,049	11,077	413	395	3,166	2,250	5,203	956	1,286	79,746
1951-52 p—										
July	27,002	9,557	241	1,263	3,808	1,757	1,518	921	361	58,294
August	10,818	11,671	119	2,106	4,062	1,717	2,346	520	312	45,879
September ..	11,209	9,172	29	799	3,014	1,266	2,709	431	111	39,133
October	26,296	9,720	182	950	3,084	1,663	2,577	462	134	57,293
November ..	36,652	6,879	885	1,088	2,874	1,724	3,248	238	125	66,910
December ..	30,617	3,233	359	218	2,327	1,088	1,278	114	53	49,656
January	36,721	5,464	991	30	2,412	1,572	1,155	96	72	64,382
February	32,649	5,493	394	57	2,282	1,510	1,100	52	119	56,750

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate	(e) 45.63 (f) 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1944-45 ..	117	154	147	129	122	172	128	151	147	120	130	130
1945-46 ..	117	213	147	196	123	213	137	161	152	122	148	146
1946-47 ..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209	203
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	283
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	383
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1949-50—												
December ..	456	394	250	427	200	345	172	363	499	176	390	375
January ..	562	395	250	432	200	394	172	363	500	176	444	425
February ..	536	409	250	435	200	394	172	363	499	176	434	416
March ..	524	420	250	411	200	394	185	363	498	176	429	411
April ..	(g) 554	443	250	417	200	394	185	363	490	176	448	429
May ..	611	441	250	456	200	394	185	363	490	176	478	457
June ..	592	435	250	494	200	394	185	363	486	176	471	450
1950-51—												
July ..	(g) 592	424	271	496	205	394	187	363	490	176	472	451
August ..	864	423	271	547	205	394	187	363	578	176	609	579
September ..	890	419	271	675	205	394	187	363	632	176	631	599
October ..	890	427	271	681	208	394	187	354	663	176	634	602
November ..	965	436	271	704	208	394	187	354	693	176	674	639
December ..	973	437	271	700	208	394	187	354	719	176	678	643
January ..	1,252	430	271	713	208	426	187	354	838	176	816	771
February ..	1,339	423	271	714	208	426	187	354	1,041	176	859	811
March ..	1,437	428	271	739	208	426	303	354	1,010	176	912	860
April ..	1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	747	708
May ..	973	445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	689	653
June ..	717	447	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	562	535
1951-52—												
July ..	(g) 717	449	291	842	237	426	303	354	616	176	572	544
August ..	p 551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	p 490	p 468
September ..	p 498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	p 465	p 445
October ..	p 686	416	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	p 556	p 529
November ..	p 603	416	291	835	271	426	303	483	566	176	p 512	p 489
December ..	p 581	416	291	860	271	426	303	483	561	(h)	p 503	p 481

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanias, leixias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) Not available for publication. The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of industrial gold on overseas premium markets.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year ended June—	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1937	122	108	115	1951—January ..	1,252	368	771
1938	99	105	102	February ..	1,339	369	811
1939	79	87	83	March ..	1,437	377	860
				April ..	1,094	384	708
1944	117	118	117	May ..	973	385	653
1945	117	141	130	June ..	717	383	535
1946	117	171	146	July ..	(a) 717	400	544
1947	173	228	203	August ..	p551	400	p468
1948	287	280	283	September ..	p498	400	p445
1949	365	305	332	October ..	p686	398	p529
1950	473	308	383	November ..	p603	393	p489
1951	999	365	654	December ..	p581	398	p481

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.		1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.	
	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.	Ex-cluding Wool.	In-cluding Wool.
July	84	91	119	156	116	119	84	91	119	156	116	119
August	87	92	119	182	113	p87	86	92	119	168	114	p104
September ..	92	94	117	174	110	p80	88	92	118	170	113	p96
October	96	110	114	184	105	p84	90	97	117	175	111	p92
November ..	97	108	117	196	104	p70	91	100	117	181	109	p84
December ..	101	110	115	182	104	p67	93	102	117	181	109	p81
January	104	130	112	196			94	106	116	184		
February ..	105	119	109	192			96	108	115	185		
March	104	119	113	226			97	110	115	191		
April	113	145	113	174			98	112	115	189		
May	116	159	112	145			100	118	114	183		
June	115	149	114	119			101	120	114	178		

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1949-50—											
February ..	218	190	490	199	146	241	225	199	237	200	211
March ..	218	190	480	200	151	243	225	199	236	201	211
April ..	219	190	498	200	154	244	227	218	236	216	222
May ..	219	190	535	200	169	244	229	214	235	215	221
June ..	219	190	525	201	183	245	230	217	238	217	223
1950-51—											
July ..	222	190	530	230	177	245	234	214	236	218	223
August (b)	224	190	558	232	191	245	237	220	240	222	227
September(b)	227	190	543	236	220	245	239	220	242	222	228
October (b)	238	190	544	236	275	246	245	221	247	225	232
November(b)	246	190	588	236	305	254	253	225	250	232	237
December (b)	256	190	596	239	338	255	258	220	255	230	237
January (b)	258	190	772	240	338	262	271	220	256	238	243
February (b)	266	195	836	251	347	279	283	228	264	249	253
March (b)	280	202	907	252	362	280	294	246	269	268	268
April (b)	280	208	703	252	329	296	286	240	268	258	261
May (b)	289	208	634	252	322	296	285	251	268	266	266
June (b)	289	208	479	254	304	311	278	276	272	279	277
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	r 292	274	r 304	r 295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	r 282	276	r 297	r 291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	r 341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	r 344	223	616	313	271	364	r 322	270	286	298	294
January ..	r 346	223	605	313	270	365	323	264	286	293	291
February ..	363	223	560	316	264	394	332	273	295	302	300

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.
	Commonwealth Statistician.	Dominion Statistician. (a)	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Government of India.	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Economist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1944-45 ..	141	128	322	240	154	155	177	164	157	129
1945-46 ..	141	132	534	244	157	159	171	167	161	133
1946-47 ..	143	144	889	278	156	164	174	178	181	171
1947-48 ..	159	175	1,451	(b)328	173	174	187	203	205	197
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	379	180	186	196	218	218	199
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	188
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	283	216
1950-51—										
February..	(d) 253	233	130	423	214	218	249	299	295	226
March ..	(d) 268	236	134	439	217	221	260	306	298	226
April ..	(d) 261	236	140	458	220	224	269	312	300	226
May ..	(d) 266	236	141	457	224	230	273	312	302	225
June ..	(d) 277	237	138	457	226	233	276	314	299	223
1951-52—										
July ..	283	238	135	447	228	235	276	313	297	220
August ..	295	236	134	438	r233	237	275	316	297	219
September	291	234	138	435	r231	238	276	318	293	218
October ..	288	234	146	438	r236	238		321	296	219
November	290	233	150	436	242	244		321	295	219
December	294	232		433	243	256		323	301	218
January ..	291	231		430		257		327	302	
February..	300			416		260		322	297	

(a) New series. Recomputed to the base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100. (b) " Sensitive Series " prior to July, 1947. Thereafter " General Purpose Series ", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100. (c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction-room price of wool, see note (b) immediately below.

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950, and continued until 30th June, 1951. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 20 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns shown below are affected.

Period.	Textiles.	Total Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1950-51—				
August ..	737	247	229	232
September ..	752	250	230	234
October ..	753	257	233	237
November ..	797	265	240	243
December ..	805	270	238	243
January ..	996	283	246	249
February..	1,060	296	257	259
March ..	1,131	307	276	274
April ..	927	299	267	267
May ..	848	297	273	272
June ..	688	290	287	282

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.							Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent (" B " Series).	Clothing.	Mis- cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis- cellaneous (" C " Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	" Real " Wage, Adult Males.(a)	
1936-37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976	
1937-38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009	
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015	
1944-45	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333	1,050	
1945-46	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051	
1946-47	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087	
1947-48	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565	1,123	
1948-49	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150	
1949-50	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147	
1950-51	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206	
1949-50—									
January	1,669	1,063	1,434	2,636	1,461	1,682	1,927	1,146	
February	1,684								
March	1,703								
April	1,735	1,065	1,466	2,764	1,473	1,730	1,976	1,142	
May	1,741								
June	1,743								
1950-51—									
July	1,764	1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143	
August	1,788								
September	1,876								
October	1,903	1,068	1,583	2,946	1,555	1,853	2,291	1,236	
November	1,931								
December	1,963								
January	2,009	1,084	1,659	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225	
February	2,050								
March	2,085								
April	2,153	1,087	1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213	
May	2,186								
June	2,269								
1951-52—									
July	2,372	1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200	
August	2,443								
September	2,517								
October	2,644	1,094	2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203	
November									
December									
January	2,751	1,105	2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366			
February									
March									

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1950 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,895	1,856	1,744	1,813	1,812	1,806	1,853
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,336	2,279	2,229	2,235	2,322	2,226	2,291
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,233	1,228	1,278	1,233	1,281	1,233	1,236
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	146/-	143/-	135/-	137/-	139/-	139/-	142/-
" " " " (c)	165/-	162/-	154/-	158/-	160/-	160/-	162/-
State " " " "	(b) 146/-	(d)	(e) 139/-	(b) 137/-	(f) 146/6	(d)	..
" " " " "	(c) 165/-	(d)	(g) 154/-	(h) 158/-	(i) 166/6	(d)	..
1951 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,972	1,938	1,818	1,869	1,931	1,890	1,932
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,416	2,363	2,290	2,314	2,388	2,271	2,367
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,225	1,219	1,260	1,238	1,237	1,202	1,225
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	173/-	170/-	159/-	166/-	166/-	165/-	169/-
State " " " "	(b) 173/-	(d)	(j) 159/-	(b) 166/-	(k) 172/11	(d)	..
1951 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,115	2,074	1,915	2,019	2,060	2,042	2,067
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,549	2,483	2,466	2,434	2,548	2,499	2,507
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,205	1,197	1,288	1,206	1,237	1,224	1,213
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	180/-	177/-	166/-	171/-	176/-	173/-	176/-
State " " " "	(b) 180/-	(d)	(l) 166/-	(b) 171/-	(l) 184/3	(d)	..
1951 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,263	2,177	2,025	2,136	2,155	2,178	2,191
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,678	2,606	2,565	2,559	2,677	2,623	2,629
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,183	1,197	1,267	1,198	1,242	1,204	1,200
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	193/-	189/-	175/-	184/-	188/-	187/-	189/-
State " " " "	(b) 193/-	(d)	(m) 175/-	(b) 184/-	(n) 196/8	(d)	..
1951 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,368	2,293	2,181	2,244	2,243	2,283	2,303
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,843	2,737	2,685	2,694	2,802	2,757	2,771
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,201	1,194	1,231	1,201	1,249	1,208	1,203
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	207/-	199/-	185/-	195/-	197/-	199/-	200/-
State " " " "	(b) 207/-	(d)	(o) 185/-	(b) 195/-	(p) 205/8	(d)	..
1952 : March Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	216/-	209/-	199/-	205/-	205/-	208/-	210/-
State " " " "	(b) 216/-	(d)	(q) 199/-	(b) 205/-	(r) 214/1	(d)	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in December, 1950.
 (d) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (e) Payable as from 30th October. (f) Payable as from 23rd October. (g) Payable as from 7th December. (h) Payable as from 4th December. (i) Payable as from 18th December.
 (j) Payable as from 5th February. (k) Payable as from 29th January. (l) Payable as from 30th April. (m) Payable as from 30th July. (n) Payable as from 23rd July. (o) Payable as from 29th October. (p) Payable as from 22nd October.
 (q) Payable as from 4th February. (r) Payable as from 29th January

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.			Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	..	..	111	110	93	107	98	99	106
1937-38	..	..	99	102	101	101	109	100	102
1938-39	..	..	90	88	106	92	93	101	92
1944-45	..	..	164	132	120	141	137	121	140
1945-46	..	..	160	133	124	140	149	123	140
1946-47	..	..	181	179	131	171	175	123	170
1947-48	..	..	256	248	148	232	238	123	230
1948-49	..	..	217	291	181	244	306	123	246
1949-50	..	..	248	382	194	298	318	142	295
1950-51 p	..	..	274	728	205	469	427	178	457
1950-51 p—									
December	..	..	264	701	199	452	541	178	439
January	..	..	267	865	198	528	567	178	507
February	..	..	274	920	202	557	567	178	535
March	..	..	282	1,003	211	600	586	178	578
April	..	..	284	794	211	504	602	178	496
May	..	..	295	725	219	478	616	178	473
June	..	..	316	602	221	428	611	178	431
1951-52 p—									
July	..	..	326	601	224	432	640	178	442
August	..	..	329	517	224	394	645	178	409
September	..	..	329	474	270	383	661	178	400
October	..	..	331	563	278	426	650	178	438
November	..	..	340	499	282	400	669	178	417
December	..	..	338	491	280	396	670	178	412
July-December, 1950 p			263	637	200	421	(b)427	(b)178	412
July-December, 1951 p			332	524	260	405	(c)624	(c)178	420

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Twelve months, 1950.

(c) Twelve months, 1951.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1944-45 ..	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46 ..	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1949-50—										
February	1,815	1,654	901	1,378	1,988	1,532	1,495	1,793	1,415	1,619
March ..	1,869	1,677	897	1,394	2,034	1,576	1,511	1,803	1,410	1,622
April ..	1,909	1,690	890	1,450	2,122	1,616	1,557	1,835	1,431	1,649
May ..	1,915	1,698	877	1,507	2,143	1,620	1,572	1,879	1,441	1,678
June ..	1,916	1,696	876	1,564	2,151	1,621	1,574	1,892	1,439	1,683
1950-51—										
July ..	1,872	1,708	868	1,513	2,159	1,597	1,545	1,887	1,457	1,690
August ..	1,929	1,723	894	1,616	2,222	1,640	1,605	1,909	1,500	1,721
September	2,011	1,758	887	1,749	2,244	1,692	1,642	1,965	1,551	1,775
October	2,059	1,801	883	1,718	2,279	1,724	1,669	1,990	1,571	1,798
November	2,247	1,905	927	1,922	2,510	1,849	1,776	2,059	1,597	1,847
December	2,247	1,899	929	1,921	2,549	1,849	1,769	2,080	1,622	1,870
January ..	2,331	1,995	938	2,120	2,538	1,916	1,847	2,126	1,685	1,923
February	2,333	2,025	946	2,132	2,598	1,929	1,833	2,209	1,734	1,991
March ..	2,363	2,050	952	2,100	2,605	1,935	1,817	2,247	1,683	1,989
April ..	2,443	2,092	970	2,130	2,639	1,967	1,863	2,231	1,673	1,975
May ..	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907	2,279	1,698	2,012
June ..	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889	2,320	1,709	2,040
1951-52—										
July ..	2,510	2,093	940	1,979	2,891	2,005	1,859	2,300	1,696	2,023
August ..	2,398	2,011	906	1,936	2,941	1,933	1,777	2,255	1,646	1,975
September	2,281	1,908	869	1,794	2,907	1,842	1,686	2,165	1,614	1,912
October ..	2,218	1,818	886	1,830	2,874	1,801	1,674	1,988	1,523	1,775
November	2,133	1,701	880	1,717	2,815	1,730	1,599	1,988	1,477	1,754
December	2,045	1,616	866	1,599	2,774	1,664	1,538	1,906	1,427	1,686
January	2,012	1,605	865	1,563	2,732	1,638	1,516	1,849	1,381	1,634
February	1,896	1,505	857	1,469	2,619	1,557	1,430			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (b)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.		
1936-37	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1944-45	1,399	1,297	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	1,404	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	1,697	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	2,298	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,393	1,450
1948-49	2,461	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50	2,955	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51	(c)4,575	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845
1949-50—							
January .. ..	..	4,251	2,322	1,972	2,074	1,682	1,502
February .. ..	..	4,157	2,369	2,001	2,109		1,532
March .. ..	..	4,110	2,355	2,006	2,109		1,576
April .. ..	..	4,289	2,364	2,164	2,222	1,730	1,616
May .. ..	..	4,572	2,354	2,149	2,208		1,620
June .. ..	..	4,500	2,377	2,169	2,229		1,621
1950-51—	(c)						
July	3,424	4,510	2,359	2,178	2,231	1,773	1,597
August	4,120	5,787	2,403	(d)2,218	(d)2,273		1,640
September	4,182	5,993	2,422	(d)2,223	(d)2,282		1,692
October	4,185	6,018	2,468	(d)2,255	(d)2,317	1,853	1,724
November	4,411	6,395	2,503	(d)2,322	(d)2,374		1,849
December	4,387	6,430	2,547	(d)2,302	(d)2,374		1,849
January	5,071	7,715	2,558	(d)2,377	(d)2,430	1,932	1,916
February	5,345	8,114	2,640	(d)2,488	(d)2,532		1,929
March	5,778	8,604	2,688	(d)2,677	(d)2,680	2,067	1,935
April	4,957	7,076	2,675	(d)2,585	(d)2,611		1,967
May	4,731	6,534	2,683	(d)2,656	(d)2,663		2,020
June	4,307	5,349	2,715	(d)2,794	(d)2,770		2,025
1951-52—	(c)						
July	4,425	5,441	2,712	2,886	2,834	2,191	2,005
August	4,093	p4,684	2,745	r3,038	r2,950		1,933
September	4,004	p4,445	2,758	r2,971	r2,906		1,842
October	4,377	p5,294	2,823	2,908	2,882	2,303	1,801
November	4,165	p4,891	2,891	r2,902	r2,899		1,730
December	4,124	rp4,815	2,859	r2,975	r2,941		1,664
January			2,859	r2,929	r2,908	2,366	1,638
February			2,948	3,017	2,996		1,557
March							

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Averages.								
1936-37 (a)	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a)	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a)	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1944-45 (a)	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46 (a)	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50—								
February ..	3,374	6,390	125	639	3,499	7,029	982	8,011
March ..	3,446	6,774	136	499	3,582	7,273	1,084	8,357
April ..	2,829	5,470	120	539	2,949	6,009	707	6,716
May ..	3,935	7,808	178	780	4,113	8,588	1,455	10,043
June ..	3,635	7,266	132	571	3,767	7,837	1,361	9,198
1950-51—								
July ..	3,603	7,388	154	565	3,757	7,953	1,164	9,117
August ..	4,067	8,108	157	643	4,224	8,751	1,275	10,026
September ..	3,575	7,145	151	1,002	3,726	8,147	1,455	9,602
October ..	3,579	7,529	159	875	3,738	8,404	1,396	9,800
November ..	3,617	7,792	171	1,510	3,788	9,302	1,481	10,783
December ..	2,551	5,386	105	1,161	2,656	6,547	822	7,369
January ..	3,293	7,223	150	1,129	3,443	8,352	1,247	9,599
February ..	3,486	8,023	128	632	3,614	8,655	1,440	10,095
March ..	3,337	8,156	153	758	3,490	8,914	1,953	10,867
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942
June ..	3,801	9,198	140	707	3,941	9,905	1,928	11,833
1951-52—								
July ..	3,676	8,711	193	1,269	3,869	9,980	1,812	11,792
August ..	3,780	9,545	185	1,076	3,965	10,621	2,285	12,906
September ..	2,955	6,946	200	1,818	3,155	8,764	1,423	10,187
October ..	3,199	8,295	157	981	3,356	9,276	1,908	11,184
November ..	2,748	6,686	162	1,008	2,910	7,694	1,690	9,384
December ..	1,752	4,280	105	1,823	1,857	6,103	1,685	7,788
January ..	2,148	5,266	123	1,090	2,271	6,356	1,256	7,612
February ..	2,369	5,655	170	1,260	2,539	6,915	1,372	8,287

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas See note B.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1944-45	1,024	(c) 520	207	426	183	122	291	132	10
1945-46	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48	2,003	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49	1,986	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50	2,743	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51	4,499	10,426	6,807	2,004	3,610	4,519	1,498	3,187	270
1949-50—									
December Qtr. ..	2,695	6,145	4,689	842	2,381	3,104	1,050	1,881	202
March „ ..	2,504	7,529	5,182	798	2,726	3,254	1,057	2,369	214
June „ ..	3,128	8,652	5,500	1,310	3,165	3,491	1,169	2,583	256
1950-51—									
September „ ..	3,960	9,582	6,297	2,020	3,183	4,082	1,133	2,948	308
December „ ..	4,544	9,317	6,150	2,078	3,331	4,141	1,558	2,958	219
March „ ..	4,535	10,187	6,865	2,071	3,732	4,718	1,503	2,986	225
June „ ..	4,958	12,618	7,915	1,850	4,194	5,133	1,797	3,855	329
1951-52—									
September „ ..	4,406	11,628	7,711	2,397	3,456	4,907	926	3,571	373
December „ ..		9,452	6,124	1,357	2,820	3,612		2,856	207
Monthly Totals.									
1951-52—									
December ..	n.a.	7,788	n.a.	n.a.	23,186	3,170	n.a.	2,243	n.a.
January ..	n.a.	7,612	n.a.	n.a.	2,260	2,176	n.a.	2,229	n.a.
February ..	n.a.	8,287	n.a.	n.a.	1,784	2,796	n.a.	2,620	n.a.

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1944-45 ..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13	7
1945-46 ..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25	16
1946-47 ..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100	(e)144
1947-48 ..	141	557	(f)692	128	418	91	113	238	60	32	119	197
1948-49 ..	116	610	721	99	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266
1949-50 ..	198	827	868	209	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378
1950-51 ..	391	1,106	1,061	201	1,174	215	292	1,027	274	113	322	468
1949-50—												
December Qtr.	242	695	833	237	599	147	222	396	82	102	193	321
March ..	112	778	851	153	864	192	206	557	120	178	235	551
June ..	245	964	965	207	936	265	161	723	154	36	281	369
1950-51—												
September ..	166	1,008	998	323	1,171	200	239	922	239	79	350	470
December ..	372	983	955	100	914	185	267	830	221	169	301	429
March ..	382	1,294	1,094	172	1,008	185	323	931	261	84	236	382
June ..	644	1,140	1,196	208	1,604	289	337	1,426	376	122	399	592
1951-52—												
September ..	181	1,700	1,219	445	1,096	227	348	1,479	406	109	326	579
December ..	329	1,319	1,109	234	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	44	276	569
Monthly Totals.												
1951-52—												
December ..	n.a.	926	866	n.a.	520	n.a.	n.a.	669	300	n.a.	244	416
January ..	n.a.	924	1,038	n.a.	1,270	n.a.	n.a.	719	261	n.a.	210	314
February ..	n.a.	1,056		n.a.	1,540	n.a.	n.a.	975	248	n.a.	312	414

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total	Houses.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.									
1945-46	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,615	1,758	5,373	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48	17,638	5,138	22,776	13,307	2,389	15,696	65,459	33,588	99,047
1948-49	21,875	6,922	28,797	18,331	3,932	22,263	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50	28,086	7,982	36,068	22,443	5,251	27,694	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51	40,118	14,587	54,705	31,157	6,227	37,384	160,925	91,446	252,371
Quarterly Totals.									
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,213	6,868	30,081	20,734	3,669	24,403	88,995	50,143	139,138
Dec. "	27,949	7,009	34,958	24,555	5,465	30,020	96,286	54,016	150,302
March "	29,350	9,958	39,308	19,704	5,599	25,303	105,423	57,894	163,317
June "	31,832	8,093	39,925	24,778	6,272	31,050	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51—Sept. "	36,857	11,614	48,471	27,986	6,000	33,986	127,267	67,976	195,243
Dec. "	38,662	13,731	52,393	33,291	6,038	39,329	135,266	77,204	212,470
March "	38,905	14,273	53,178	28,851	5,322	34,173	151,685	83,406	235,091
June " p	46,048	18,728	64,776	34,500	7,549	42,049	160,925	91,446	252,371
1951-52—Sept. " p	48,550	16,245	64,795	38,009	9,217	47,226	177,971	104,637	282,608

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.								
1945-46	2,326	1,368	830	420	244	157	28	5,373
1946-47	4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78	10,502
1947-48	6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127	15,696
1948-49	8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189	22,263
1949-50	10,230	8,668	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366	27,694
1950-51	p12,367	12,949	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	398	p37,384
Quarterly Totals.								
1949-50—Dec. Qtr.	11,795	9,436	3,453	2,461	1,405	1,185	285	30,020
March "	9,467	7,761	3,409	2,061	1,125	1,311	169	25,303
June "	10,620	9,876	3,912	2,796	1,507	1,556	783	31,050
1950-51—Sept. "	11,168	11,412	4,056	2,896	1,891	2,178	385	33,986
Dec. "	13,157	13,680	4,510	3,172	2,483	1,820	507	39,329
March "	11,372	11,804	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	238	34,173
June " p	p13,769	14,904	4,519	3,540	2,521	2,334	462	p42,049
1951-52—Sept. "	p14,850	16,408	5,618	4,044	2,940	2,780	586	p47,226
Dec. "		17,885	6,200	4,693	3,735	3,318	516	

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Averages.									
1946-47	.. ..	4,430	3,245	2,231	817	601	411	81	11,816
1947-48	.. ..	4,952	3,720	2,382	895	768	516	98	13,331
1948-49	.. ..	5,323	3,872	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	14,482
1949-50	.. ..	5,514	5,259	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	17,073
1950-51	.. ..	p6,292	6,551	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	p20,500
Quarterly Totals.									
1949-50—Dec.	Qtr.	5,875	5,444	2,379	1,407	1,208	926	109	17,348
Mar.	..	5,933	5,339	2,367	1,578	1,240	854	94	17,405
June	..	5,049	6,027	2,688	1,965	1,505	1,033	101	18,368
1950-51—Sept.	..	6,136	6,731	2,746	2,194	1,616	968	122	20,513
Dec.	..	6,058	6,936	2,408	1,948	1,597	1,037	163	20,147
Mar.	..	6,166	5,821	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,533
June	..	p6,802	6,717	2,967	2,083	1,788	1,086	364	p21,807
1951-52—Sept.	..	p6,367	6,848	3,423	2,096	2,138	1,098	81	p22,051
Dec.	..		6,246	2,981	1,998	2,039	942	64	
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Averages.									
1945-46	.. ..	1,398	917	846	333	215	120	15	3,844
1946-47	.. ..	3,047	1,858	1,937	557	448	268	37	8,152
1947-48	.. ..	3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	10,876
1948-49	.. ..	4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	12,835
1949-50	.. ..	4,692	3,900	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	13,871
1950-51	.. ..	p4,943	5,256	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	p16,861
Quarterly Totals.									
1949-50—Dec.	Qtr.	5,253	4,503	2,465	1,310	922	655	111	15,219
Mar.	..	4,123	3,153	2,222	1,097	727	772	75	12,169
June	..	4,733	4,253	2,531	1,410	1,006	805	135	14,873
1950-51—Sept.	..	4,775	4,930	2,525	1,624	1,149	1,038	176	16,217
Dec.	..	5,688	5,763	2,744	1,897	1,481	870	181	18,624
Mar.	..	4,417	4,654	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,123
June	..	p4,891	5,678	2,557	1,815	1,356	1,040	143	p17,480
1951-52—Sept.	..	p5,030	6,081	2,878	1,768	1,380	1,071	135	p18,343
Dec.	..		6,327	3,008	1,964	1,821	1,327	154	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1945-46	.. ..	9,200	6,135	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,401
1946-47	.. ..	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
1947-48	.. ..	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
1948-49	.. ..	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
1949-50	.. ..	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51	.. ..	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101
Quarterly Totals.									
1949-50—Dec.	Qtr.	24,276	17,393	4,218	4,156	2,949	3,073	694	56,759
Mar.	..	26,086	19,579	4,363	4,653	3,458	3,148	712	61,999
June	..	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51—Sept.	..	27,763	23,154	4,741	5,809	4,421	3,280	624	69,792
Dec.	..	28,133	24,327	4,405	5,892	4,537	3,447	606	71,347
Mar.	..	29,882	25,494	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	75,772
June	..	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101
1951-52—Sept.	..	p33,130	27,300	5,488	6,875	6,522	3,584	927	p83,826
Dec.	..		27,219	5,461	6,938	6,740	3,199	836	

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production. (a))	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (c)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kwh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	89.4	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	96.5	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	304	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.4	5,819	19,416	1,457
1944-45 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,137	437	54.9	2,617	570	93.1	112.1	6,612	12,933	1,683
1945-46 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,052	461	57.8	2,663	576	75.5	87.9	6,705	12,590	1,774
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	77.2	2,784	627	95.3	109.3	5,859	14,693	1,812
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	75.5	3,025	697	103.0	111.9	6,283	14,497	1,290
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	74.9	3,061	754	87.1	98.0	6,889	17,017	934
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	1,243	636	71.6	2,908	792	91.5	101.1	6,991	15,925	978
1950-51 p ..	r1,124	r245	r1,369	608	r73.3	3,155	r875	110.4	117.7	6,475	15,828	909
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—	(d)	(d)	(d)				r					
February	1,093	174	1,267	588	63.3	2,704	758	101.8	114.6	6,626	17,451	1,545
March ..	1,221	220	1,441	668	65.4	3,029	845	90.5	112.3	7,416	17,225	1,939
April ..	1,002	197	1,199	640	63.6	3,057	791	86.5	105.5	7,239	17,836	565
May ..	1,328	274	1,602	679	69.1	3,449	921	99.6	114.4	7,513	18,725	2,069
June ..	1,134	167	1,301	678	80.0	3,352	924	115.1	122.0	6,560	18,085	1,243
1950-51—						p	pr	p	p	p		
July ..	1,194	185	1,379	720	59.7	3,333	955	103.0	104.3	7,503	17,076	527
August ..	1,334	271	1,605	707	82.2	3,471	952	120.6	125.1	7,498	17,359	742
September	1,238	249	1,487	621	76.6	3,293	881	122.2	135.9	7,244	16,042	1,325
October ..	1,295	234	1,529	565	78.1	3,247	878	138.3	133.0	7,098	16,294	1,293
November	1,318	201	1,519	443	73.6	3,098	843	118.8	131.2	5,977	9,364	1,307
December	966	209	1,175	443	78.1	2,933	806	107.4	118.1	5,689	16,128	532
January ..	pr 624	pr 179	pr 803	pr 571	pr 89.9	2,826	815	86.8	92.9	6,702	p 16,041	p 474
February	932	220	1,152	558	61.0	2,575	799	86.8	97.5	6,484	14,388	520
March ..	1,064	247	1,311	642	69.6	2,856	854	99.4	107.3	6,222	17,814	846
April ..	1,155	289	1,444	628	73.1	3,129	872	115.5	129.2	5,720	16,696	598
May ..	1,146	380	1,526	703	72.5	3,497	923	111.6	116.0	5,873	17,273	2,050
June ..	1,191	295	1,486	697	65.0	3,604	927	107.0	114.9	5,688	16,108	699
1951-52 p—	r	r	r		r		r					
July ..	1,353	303	1,656	721	55.9	3,369	997	106.7	111.7	6,676	19,311	1,704
August ..	1,386	355	1,741	715	75.3	3,795	1,004	124.6	138.5	6,076	15,620	1,561
September	1,248	321	1,569	675	79.8	3,481	912	120.6	132.3	5,910	15,501	1,077
October ..	1,419	436	1,855	706	76.8	3,442	948	121.5	123.7	6,883	15,564	1,143
November	1,357	401	1,758	667	78.5	3,201	936	127.3	136.2	7,160	15,109	1,142
December	998	315	1,313	549	73.8	3,150	871	128.1	134.1	7,390	19,631	662
January ..			1,036	640	69.0	3,005	884	129.8	137.1	7,296	16,513	1,263
February			1,559	665				119.4	125.6	7,444	14,626	515

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales. (c) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association. (d) Source: Joint Coal Board.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Paints.		Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Ready Mixed Paint.	Lacquers and Enamels.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.										
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.													
1936-37..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	161	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	170	99	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	176	96	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1944-45..	12.6	767	34	1,205	70.2	57.8	202	268	112	3,146	1,487	774	1,742
1945-46..	25.4	1,961	203	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	264	134	3,864	1,839	(e)688	3,384
1946-47..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	233	157	3,629	2,264	894	5,711
1947-48..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	291	190	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362
1948-49..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	308	212	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,173
1949-50..	50.3	3,785	3,387	1,529	101.9	97.3	1,105	330	264	5,155	3,892	r3,299	13,528
1950-51 p	54.9	3,802	4,020	1,790	f103.5	102.3	f1,080	r442	r287	r6,070	4,640	r4,192	16,839
Monthly Totals.													
1949-50—										r	r	r	
Feb. ..	53.0	4,309	3,880	1,784	99.1	105.0	1,154	366	279	5,413	4,326	3,333	14,074
March	61.8	4,373	4,090	1,827	104.5	117.1	1,264	417	356	6,343	4,856	4,198	16,310
April ..	48.0	3,604	3,693	1,646	92.1	98.7	1,103	312	258	5,074	3,805	3,102	11,482
May ..	62.7	4,533	4,300	1,896	106.2	121.1	1,341	361	338	6,424	4,949	4,473	16,799
June ..	52.8	3,611	4,069	1,571	112.9	112.6	1,263	348	316	5,743	4,089	4,444	14,863
1950-51p—					(f)	(f)							
July ..	51.7	3,491	3,957	1,775	95.5	99.6	1,131	367	283	r6,233	4,186	3,597	15,313
Aug. ..	61.9	3,868	4,271	1,855	97.1	104.8	1,191	421	301	r6,854	4,486	4,680	17,976
Sept. ..	58.4	3,982	4,272	2,070	106.6	r113.9	1,182	432	290	r6,538	4,345	4,253	16,717
Oct. ..	59.0	4,274	4,260	1,892	112.4	115.3	1,165	493	296	r5,967	4,509	4,453	18,185
Nov. ..	61.0	4,448	4,107	1,990	108.9	111.8	1,152	505	324	r6,613	r5,326	4,735	20,376
Dec. ..	45.8	3,125	3,102	1,168	94.8	80.7	804	371	228	r4,398	r3,599	3,496	16,670
Jan. ..	42.3	3,056	3,057	1,351	85.3	66.7	875	310	215	r4,402	2,978	2,923	13,275
Feb. ..	53.7	4,007	3,924	1,834	91.6	99.3	1,090	450	283	r6,276	5,286	4,225	15,608
March	53.4	3,849	3,954	1,692	98.1	102.3	1,058	479	287	r6,084	5,095	4,900	16,387
April ..	56.8	3,858	4,130	1,809	111.5	108.8	1,087	512	290	6,128	5,064	4,120	15,945
May ..	61.3	4,035	4,695	2,050	123.0	119.4	1,132	473	338	7,070	6,179	4,680	17,618
June ..	53.7	3,635	4,513	1,996	117.0	104.9	1,089	r496	r306	6,282	4,630	4,245	17,993
1951-52p—					r								
July ..	56.8	3,664	5,039	2,083	103.4	107.8	1,176	514	330	6,616	5,132	4,823	19,704
Aug. ..	64.8	4,133	5,328	1,696	124.0	91.3	1,217	511	357	6,793	5,790	4,947	20,551
Sept. ..	57.7	3,967	5,326	2,041	114.4	98.7	1,177	512	343	6,360	4,804	4,904	18,972
Oct. ..	64.2	4,622	5,732	2,033	126.2	122.0	1,279	523	354	7,141	5,502	5,047	20,635
Nov. ..	62.2	4,233	5,763	2,013	129.9	116.8	1,221	474	352	7,368	5,313	5,772	21,664
Dec. ..	44.7	3,254	r4,814	1,685	115.0	78.7	916	298	242	5,663	3,288	3,437	14,209
Jan. ..	43.9	2,994	4,441	1,298		71.4	921	288	262	4,644	3,568	3,241	12,648
Feb. ..								377	292				16,975

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.		Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'.
		Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills.				
					Scoured Wool.(a)	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.		
		'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6
1937-38	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	r69.1
1938-39	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164	56.2
1944-45	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13.6	4.55	2.98	1,388	55.5
1945-46	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.8	3.97	2.90	1,170	52.8
1946-47	..	n.a.	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3
1947-48	..	n.a.	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	r65.8
1948-49	..	n.a.	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.23	3.40	1,287	r71.3
1949-50	..	2,446	2,419	578.8	14.3	r4.12	r3.09	1,284	r71.8
1950-51 p	..	3,000	2,595	882.8	12.0	r3.94	r3.26	r1,383	r71.8
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—						r		r	r
February	..	3,815	2,788	616.9	15.0	4.20	3.13	1,284	70.5
March	..	2,956	2,751	862.4	16.4	4.69	r3.69	1,440	79.7
April	..	2,274	2,283	623.1	13.0	3.84	r2.90	1,190	62.2
May	..	3,280	3,217	833.3	16.4	4.70	r3.71	1,517	76.7
June	..	2,730	2,722	894.4	17.0	4.54	r3.21	1,422	73.7
1950-51 p—					r	r			r
July	..	3,137	2,816	694.5	13.1	4.11	3.31	1,386	67.0
August	..	3,433	3,004	748.9	13.7	4.48	3.68	1,537	78.2
September	..	2,994	2,777	988.7	11.3	4.41	r3.46	1,480	72.2
October	..	2,997	2,812	946.4	12.0	4.28	3.61	1,483	80.2
November	..	3,493	3,028	946.4	12.8	4.54	3.63	1,538	92.0
December	..	2,266	1,897	708.2	10.4	3.00	2.47	1,062	64.8
January	..	2,356	1,768	783.7	9.3	2.88	2.53	1,001	41.7
February	..	3,012	2,472	882.9	10.8	3.57	r3.12	r1,348	73.7
March	..	2,710	2,415	990.9	12.0	3.66	r3.13	r1,328	69.7
April	..	2,945	2,635	959.7	12.2	3.74	r3.30	1,389	65.7
May	..	3,583	2,790	994.9	13.0	4.30	r3.49	1,542	81.5
June	..	3,076	2,727	948.9	13.2	4.27	3.42	1,499	75.2
1951-52 p—				r		r			r
July	..	3,444	2,967	1,192.9	11.5	4.06	r3.09	1,542	85.2
August	..	3,493	3,188	1,280.8	10.5	4.40	r3.16	1,622	104.4
September	..	3,192	2,878	982.4	8.7	4.15	3.17	1,567	86.6
October	..	3,584	3,145	1,062.6	10.7	4.37	3.16	1,636	101.8
November	..	3,524	3,051	1,049.7	10.4	3.70	2.85	1,560	103.3
December	..	2,373	2,088	558.0	8.1	2.35	1.88	1,044	78.4
January	..	2,279	2,184	789.0	8.7	2.08	r1.81	988	52.7
February	..	2,862	2,954	947.1	9.8	2.61	2.41	1,381	78.4

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.					
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's.(a)	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1		r153.8	
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0		r178.5	
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0		r176.8	
1944-45	123.8	88.0	40.1		r195.3	
1945-46	95.7	99.6	45.4	41.5	r 91.2	30.0
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	r103.0	36.1
1947-48	105.5	130.6	59.8	52.3	r110.7	40.9
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	r105.7	36.4
1949-50 p	r96.6	r144.8	r47.3	r71.9	r103.4	r47.7
1950-51 p	128.9	155.7	49.2	r68.0	r115.6	r61.5
Monthly Totals.						
1949-50 p—	r	r	r	r	r	r
February	95.5	138.8	47.6	67.7	106.6	51.4
March	102.0	180.3	51.1	85.7	127.8	63.6
April	85.1	131.1	46.2	57.4	98.5	47.2
May	121.2	185.7	59.5	80.3	124.9	56.2
June	120.3	168.8	50.9	74.8	104.0	58.5
1950-51 p—					r	r
July	116.7	150.7	50.2	69.9	110.8	59.3
August	142.8	170.1	62.1	78.2	111.7	72.6
September	130.5	160.6	52.8	67.3	118.8	67.0
October	146.4	172.4	58.0	r70.8	125.1	67.6
November	142.7	171.6	55.0	73.6	137.4	68.1
December	105.6	124.3	38.3	54.0	105.9	50.1
January	89.5	r100.7	32.1	49.7	80.2	37.2
February	124.1	r157.9	45.5	62.8	114.5	58.1
March	118.4	151.4	48.8	r60.1	97.4	57.5
April	142.5	161.1	46.5	70.4	126.2	64.9
May	149.1	174.3	52.2	80.2	132.4	71.3
June	138.6	r173.5	48.7	r79.1	126.3	63.7
1951-52 p—					r	r
July	150.3	183.1	54.1	83.0	129.2	60.8
August	157.9	185.0	59.5	92.1	140.4	87.5
September	145.4	173.6	49.0	81.0	135.7	63.6
October	163.5	197.6	57.4	95.7	158.4	75.8
November	132.8	169.5	49.3	78.8	132.7	61.1
December	102.8	121.8	35.6	56.1	106.1	38.8
January	69.8	106.4	36.5	45.6	77.4	31.9
February	109.1	143.8	36.0	58.7	125.9	46.5

(a) These figures have been amended to exclude details of Women's and Girls' Nightwear.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)						Beer.
			Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Milk Products. (b)	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham. (c)	Total. (d)	
	'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37..	102.4	27.0	13,908	1,636	(e) 2,404	45.9	16.0	9.94	3.60	2.74	79.6	6,261
1937-38..	104.2	28.9	15,242	2,018	(e) 2,620	49.7	17.2	9.92	3.23	2.62	84.0	7,084
1938-39..	114.4	28.2	16,232	2,415	(e) 2,475	46.6	17.1	9.55	3.09	2.77	80.5	7,523
1944-45..	117.7	37.0	11,431	2,872	6,226	38.4	21.4	11.51	3.55	4.69	82.0	8,613
1945-46..	101.6	35.7	12,131	3,414	6,606	33.9	16.5	7.74	2.93	4.05	67.1	9,033
1946-47..	124.1	35.2	11,568	3,518	6,667	40.6	15.2	10.00	2.50	3.97	73.8	10,657
1947-48..	133.2	36.3	13,132	3,453	7,691	46.8	13.8	10.80	2.28	3.83	78.9	10,561
1948-49..	139.9	35.7	13,424	3,596	8,330	48.1	15.1	11.59	3.10	3.47	82.6	12,171
1949-50..	125.8	35.2	14,037	3,731	9,353	50.5	17.2	12.69	2.91	3.38	87.9	13,009
1950-51 p	140.8	37.9	13,322	3,713	8,702	54.3	13.7	9.38	2.85	3.11	84.5	14,452
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—												
Feb. ..	100.1	33.6	14,725	3,175	9,216	45.4	20.9	8.08	2.47	2.94	80.8	13,607
March ..	100.1	42.0	15,126	2,833	8,457	48.4	15.9	8.03	3.28	3.35	80.2	15,322
April ..	95.1	34.5	11,146	2,316	6,223	44.8	12.8	6.34	2.92	2.95	70.8	12,432
May ..	139.2	40.1	9,484	1,790	5,579	56.8	13.8	7.19	3.08	3.21	85.3	14,834
June ..	137.3	34.2	7,169	1,349	4,680	63.4	12.8	7.17	2.99	3.01	90.5	12,881
1950-51 p—												
July ..	145.5	37.9	7,356	1,662	4,581	58.0	12.4	6.78	2.57	2.62	83.2	12,700
Aug. ..	147.6	42.8	10,378	3,037	7,045	58.1	12.2	8.41	2.39	3.01	85.2	14,104
Sept. ..	146.5	40.3	14,445	5,094	9,988	55.5	12.4	11.21	2.23	2.91	85.2	13,595
Oct. ..	142.9	38.7	19,933	7,018	13,246	52.0	12.8	16.20	2.28	2.96	87.3	14,792
Nov. ..	122.1	38.5	21,279	7,218	14,968	50.3	14.4	15.05	2.78	3.62	87.4	15,029
Dec. ..	119.9	36.2	20,658	6,212	13,622	46.9	14.9	14.13	3.79	4.23	85.5	15,079
Jan. ..	142.0	33.3	18,201	4,468	10,812	42.9	17.2	8.93	2.66	2.81	75.5	15,838
Feb. ..	132.6	34.0	13,800	2,797	8,252	47.2	16.6	7.27	3.05	2.86	78.0	13,816
March ..	139.6	38.1	12,627	2,627	7,082	52.8	14.7	6.64	3.38	3.05	81.7	14,627
April ..	141.7	37.2	8,848	1,644	5,133	57.9	13.8	6.53	3.10	2.98	85.4	14,554
May ..	154.2	40.3	6,594	1,333	4,810	67.7	12.5	6.32	3.24	3.37	94.3	15,493
June ..	154.6	37.6	5,746	1,447	4,882	62.9	10.5	5.13	2.67	2.89	85.1	13,797
1951-52 p—												
July ..	168.2	39.6	7,017	2,131	5,221	62.9	10.6	4.58	2.56	3.08	84.9	14,703
Aug. ..	156.9	45.2	9,135	3,042	7,348	63.3	11.2	6.08	2.71	3.12	87.5	15,351
Sept. ..	145.9	43.2	11,541	4,653	10,677	52.5	11.3	7.76	2.57	2.62	77.8	14,318
Oct. ..	147.2	44.9	16,797	6,269	14,639	45.5	12.9	12.84	2.60	3.01	78.0	16,003
Nov. ..	143.2	43.8	16,103	6,082	14,767	44.4	16.5	15.30	2.85	3.54	83.9	15,989
Dec. ..	125.9	35.6	13,939	5,133	12,792	38.7	17.0	11.72	3.31	3.31	75.3	15,499
Jan. ..	145.1	40.1	12,381	3,698	10,003	40.6	18.0	9.94	2.70	2.36	74.4	17,179
Feb. ..	136.9		9,536	2,430	7,012	45.2	18.9	8.58	3.14	2.61	79.2	16,240

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 cream. (c) Cured weight. (d) In terms of fresh meat. (e) Incomplete.

(b) Excludes casein and sterilized

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
				Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
	'000 lb.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1944-45	2,193	27.8	70.0	16	6	15	63
1945-46	2,208	33.7	92.1	68	163	165	94
1946-47	2,534	38.3	97.5	1,199	496	528	141
1947-48	2,502	40.4	98.8	1,874	536	786	143
1948-49	2,427	48.8	118.5	2,131	487	798	145
1949-50	2,558	51.0	123.6	2,347	333	1,116	165
1950-51 p	2,627	53.1	129.0	3,040	376	1,634	187
Monthly Totals.							
1949-50—							
February	2,542	47.2	120.6	2,419	408	1,128	177
March	2,796	57.3	141.9	2,980	508	1,394	194
April	2,435	54.4	122.8	2,595	425	1,186	153
May	2,890	61.5	152.9	3,186	428	1,326	221
June	2,480	57.6	132.8	3,298	407	1,575	200
1950-51 p—							
July	2,645	52.9	123.0	3,363	441	1,492	198
August	2,575	58.1	148.4	3,478	430	1,468	219
September	2,567	46.8	113.6	3,545	377	1,693	203
October	2,569	48.2	104.0	3,116	502	1,678	201
November	2,528	54.8	134.0	3,288	427	1,654	215
December	2,803	48.3	105.1	2,638	269	1,408	126
January	2,162	55.0	144.1	2,219	235	1,454	126
February	2,787	47.9	117.6	2,922	286	1,603	173
March	2,682	52.4	124.1	2,698	315	1,711	185
April	2,726	53.0	130.9	2,830	335	1,976	190
May	2,965	60.7	160.3	3,071	389	1,779	210
June	2,517	58.9	142.6	3,308	501	1,691	195
1951-52 p—							
July	2,741	55.1	125.7	3,397	909	2,012	201
August	2,976	52.7	154.6	3,933	634	2,020	224
September	3,989	47.1	115.5	3,385	(b)	2,171	212
October	1,382	55.1	140.0	3,664	(b)	2,195	207
November	3,095	51.0	126.3	3,682	(b)	1,867	247
December	2,394	54.2	120.8	2,797	(b)	1,460	162
January	2,410	58.4	153.5	2,203	(b)	1,493	175
February	2,550	49.9	131.1	3,804	(b)	1,816	228

(a) Details for 1949-50 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production ; 1950-51 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b) (c)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A. (b) (e)
1937 ..	102	60	78	98	n.a.	193	88	80	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	56	78	90	101	206	89	80	67	86	46
1939 ..	87	60	84	n.a.	n.a.	216	98	85	73	n.a.	57
1945 ..	n.a.	97	58	38	n.a.	118	27	55	75	n.a.	106
1946 ..	73	88	79	71	n.a.	66	65	80	91	83	89
1947 ..	93	97	90	86	96	77	83	92	94	89	97
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	107	110	106	126	112	106	104	107	92
1950 ..	102	109	119	111	121	151	123	113	108	116	104
1951 ..		117	120	124			128	118	112	119	115
1950—					r						
February ..	99	103	114	114	112	129	110	124	108	116	92
March ..	99	106	119	100	128	136	123	121	112	119	95
April ..	102	105	124	110	120	141	111	115	116	112	98
May ..	103	109	129	115	131	147	116	121	112	117	102
June ..	96	113	125	112	125	148	122	117	110	118	104
July ..	87	109	89	105	126	147	121	75	75	111	103
August ..	96	105	120	90	106	148	125	107	105	102	110
September ..	110	113	128	113	133	150	133	114	110	118	112
October ..	114	116	127	119	141	167	139	119	114	126	115
November ..	114	116	127	123	136	170	135	120	115	126	112
December ..	110	115	122	120	138	181	124	118	112	116	112
1951—					r						
January ..	112	116	122	123	142	174	129	118	109	116	112
February ..	115	118	124	126	136	169	125	133	113	125	113
March ..	120	120	129	123	149	197	139	122	117	117	114
April ..	120	120	129	128	145	199	131	122	118	125	116
May ..	122	123	129	131	150	205	128	130	117	119	116
June ..	119	121	124	130	144	206	127	123	116	123	116
July ..	108	115	90	120	150	207	119	84	79	115	111
August ..	114	113	116	101	121	200	124	113	107	105	115
September ..	115	115	125	123	146	194	126	123	115	120	116
October ..	119	117	123	129	152	194	140	122	116	124	116
November ..	120	115	121	r132	143	r199	135	121	118	126	115
December ..	117	113	111	130	139	211	121	116	116	113	112
1952—											
January ..		112	109	135		206	129	121	112	119	112

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excluding electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Including construction. (e) Excluding electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.			
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a)	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1944-45	506	291	57	75	638	34
1945-46	523	333	73	177	724	163
1946-47	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50	768	496	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
Monthly Totals.						
1949-50—						
February	716	482	128	9,665	4,545	2,275
March	731	486	130	12,272	5,726	2,626
April	739	489	131	9,976	4,752	2,128
May	755	497	133	14,864	6,969	2,483
June	768	496	134	12,528	5,955	1,646
1950-51—						
July	777	500	133	11,915	6,358	1,781
August	790	508	134	13,446	7,588	2,136
September	800	511	135	11,814	7,186	2,076
October	811	515	137	11,940	7,529	2,380
November	822	523	138	11,848	7,978	2,470
December	831	528	138	9,926	6,008	1,975
January	839	529	139	7,742	5,021	2,044
February	849	535	141	10,096	5,877	2,197
March	858	540	142	10,019	6,379	3,113
April	869	545	144	9,742	5,942	2,620
May	875	548	145	10,641	6,463	2,405
June	883	551	146	8,542	5,604	1,954
1951-52—						
July	895	557	146	10,691	7,019	2,188
August	912	567	148	13,556	9,441	2,735
September	921	571	149	10,795	6,347	2,397
October	934	576	151	12,145	6,537	2,500
November	944	579	152	11,866	6,835	2,187
December	956	579	153	9,879	5,406	1,789
January	970	580	153	8,160	4,577	1,567

(a) Excludes Northern Territory ; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	(b)18,510	(b)144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	(b)19,317	(b)146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	(b)19,181	(b)148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1950-51	(b)19,462	(b)148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1950-51—	(b)	(b)			(c)
December	18,217	161.0	1,214	8,480	— 417
January	18,022	145.6	1,372	9,323	— 453
February	19,962	151.8	1,433	8,702	— 869
March	18,751	158.8	1,335	9,144	— 537
April	20,457	148.3	1,456	9,400	— 477
May	20,534	145.8	1,356	10,234	— 1,279
June	20,996	153.2	1,186	10,761	— 1,279
1951-52—					
July	21,521	143.7	1,426	10,129	— 488
August	21,906	141.9	1,294	10,697	— 523
September	22,284	147.7	1,378	10,037	— 855
October	21,325	146.0	1,311	11,438	147
November	21,833	148.5	1,354	12,635	387
December	20,374	160.5	1,373	11,701	372

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE. (a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
July-February, 1950-51 ..	30,861	11,398	11,944	(b) 4,214	4,450	62,867
July-February, 1951-52 ..	41,983	15,152	14,851	(b) 5,746	6,401	84,133

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers 1950-51, £1,733,000, 1951-52, £3,366,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	(b) 618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	(b) 707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	(b) 692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	(b) 617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	(b) 635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	(b) 671
Monthly Totals.							
1949-50—							
December ..	310	63	43	261	10	37	724
January ..	233	48	65	251	8	37	(b) 643
February ..	276	50	47	190	7	57	(b) 629
March ..	289	42	34	260	12	47	684
April ..	238	67	38	239	6	55	(b) 643
May ..	301	48	41	222	17	55	(b) 685
June ..	225	75	39	268	16	62	(b) 685
1950-51—							
July ..	226	51	34	277	8	64	660
August ..	320	81	42	280	19	65	807
September ..	341	50	58	287	12	65	813
October ..	292	72	45	217	4	46	676
November ..	298	40	65	210	24	48	685
December ..	285	53	43	214	7	41	643
January ..	156	57	35	250	10	46	554
February ..	171	43	45	206	10	52	(b) 527
March ..	219	49	27	249	13	48	605
April ..	263	56	58	212	9	50	648
May ..	296	64	54	285	5	67	771
June ..	244	72	45	222	16	59	658
1951-52—							
July ..	307	69	39	254	27	31	727
August ..	383	67	48	258	14	64	(b) 835
September ..	317	49	65	264	20	70	(b) 786
October ..	314	89	67	260	10	36	(b) 777
November ..	334	62	70	253	21	40	780
December p ..	247	56	49	257	5	46	(b) 661

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1944-45(a)	362	150	512	251	151	402
1945-46(a)	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
1948-49	488	214	702	452	114	566
1949-50	641	298	939	422	116	538
1950-51	757	333	1,090	450	108	558
Monthly Totals.						
1949-50—						
December	568	296	864	343	100	443
January	680	343	1,023	336	81	417
February	506	254	760	432	95	527
March	766	365	1,131	471	140	611
April	638	334	972	463	124	587
May	780	378	1,158	527	144	671
June	576	291	867	377	117	494
1950-51—						
July	777	342	1,119	360	104	464
August	852	353	1,205	479	95	574
September	766	310	1,076	537	122	659
October	721	308	1,029	440	109	549
November	725	315	1,040	388	113	501
December	680	319	999	405	116	521
January	868	400	1,268	455	71	526
February	687	352	1,039	417	74	491
March	772	322	1,094	511	105	616
April	664	358	1,022	448	134	582
May	809	312	1,121	462	142	604
June	762	297	1,059	505	112	617
1951-52—						
July	740	287	1,027	450	108	558
August	898	395	1,293	458	73	531
September	818	437	1,255	383	75	458
October	868	464	1,332	414	102	516
November	838	417	1,255	375	110	485
December p	758	420	1,178	261	81	342

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440	595
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488	662
1944-45	2,323	(c)1,480	578	828
1945-46	2,371	1,506	607	856
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648	905
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688	963
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	2,110	864	1,209
Monthly Totals.				
1949-50—				
March	3,582	2,008	777	1,087
April	2,916	2,010	781	1,093
May	3,704	2,019	788	1,102
June	3,550	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51—				
July	3,020	2,043	799	1,118
August	3,596	2,026	805	1,126
September	3,276	2,029	810	1,134
October	3,605	2,047	817	1,143
November	3,563	2,057	823	1,151
December	3,997	2,064	828	1,158
January	3,574	2,068	833	1,167
February	3,710	2,075	839	1,174
March	3,695	2,075	844	1,182
April	4,099	2,086	851	1,191
May	4,361	2,092	858	1,200
June	4,284	2,110	864	1,209
1951-52—				
July	4,346	2,228	870	1,218
August	4,555	2,246	877	1,228
September	4,090	2,257	883	1,236
October	5,203	2,247	889	1,245
November	4,775	2,241	894	1,253
December	5,309	2,245	899	1,259
January	4,840		904	1,266
February	5,023		909	1,274
March	4,940			

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

Period.									Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)		
									Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
									Monthly Averages. Totals complete.		
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1944-45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.3	33.0	52.3
1945-46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22.3	33.4	55.7
1946-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24.6	42.2	66.8
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.2	53.3	79.5
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45.6	94.9	140.5
Taxable Sales—Rates											
	8½%	10%	12½%	20%	25%	33½%	50%	66⅔%			
									Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.		
1950-51—											
August ..	40.1	..	..	..	0.7	..	..	..	40.8	89.3	130.1
September	41.6	..	..	..	0.8	..	..	..	42.4	89.9	132.3
October ..	44.3	2.4	..	..	1.2	1.0	..	..	48.9	97.1	146.0
November	38.9	6.7	..	..	1.0	2.9	..	..	49.5	88.2	137.7
December	36.4	6.0	..	..	1.0	3.0	..	..	46.4	87.5	133.9
January ..	30.4	4.4	..	..	0.8	2.0	..	..	37.6	82.3	119.9
February	35.7	7.0	..	..	0.9	3.0	..	..	46.6	96.8	143.4
March ..	37.6	6.4	..	..	1.0	2.7	..	..	47.7	103.4	151.1
April ..	38.5	6.0	..	..	1.0	2.8	..	..	48.3	106.4	154.7
May ..	41.3	6.3	..	..	1.2	2.9	..	..	51.7	107.5	159.2
June ..	39.9	4.1	..	..	1.1	2.4	..	..	47.5	112.5	160.0
1951-52—											
July ..	41.8	7.5	..	..	1.3	3.2	..	..	53.8	108.3	162.1
August r ..	45.8	7.9	..	..	1.4	4.0	..	..	59.2	113.6	172.8
September p	46.4	8.9	2.1	0.8	1.8	3.3	..	..	63.3	108.0	171.3
October p	2.4	0.3	38.3	8.1	0.2	2.4	0.5	0.5	52.7	114.0	166.7

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66½ from 27.9.51. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES : STATES.

The figures in the tables below represent the sales made by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total. (a).
Quarterly Averages.							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
Quarterly Totals.							
1950-51—							
September Qtr.	152.3	108.1	51.8	33.1	26.3	11.6	383.2
December „	171.3	122.6	58.3	37.6	30.5	13.3	433.6
March „	164.1	117.1	55.8	36.9	29.9	12.7	416.5
June „	181.2	127.6	60.2	41.0	31.9	14.1	456.0
1951-52—							
September Qtr.	182.3	126.8	62.7	41.0	32.3	14.4	459.5
December „	206.4	147.2	69.2	46.0	37.2	16.5	522.5

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butcher's Meat.	Other Food.	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear.	Hardware.	Electrical Goods.	Furniture.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Other Goods.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.											
1947-48 ..	41.9	39.4		(b)	49.8	(b)	(b)	(b)	29.4	(b)	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	41.5	42.0	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4		44.4		63.8	49.5	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7		60.7		83.7	59.4	422.3
Quarterly Totals.											
1950-51—											
Sept. Qtr...	42.6	20.2	35.9	26.7	71.5		52.9		80.4	53.0	383.2
Dec. „ ..	46.8	21.2	39.0	32.0	83.9		62.5		83.8	64.4	433.6
Mar. „ ..	45.9	22.4	40.6	32.1	76.6		60.1		81.1	57.7	416.5
June „ ..	49.4	25.3	40.3	31.0	90.8		67.3		89.4	62.5	456.0
1951-52—											
Sept. „ ..	52.5	26.7	43.3	31.6	81.7	31.1	17.8	19.8	89.2	65.8	459.5
Dec. „ ..	59.1	28.2	49.0	41.1	95.4	34.9	19.1	19.5	96.0	80.2	522.5

(a) Excluding Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.
not collected.

(b) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1936-37	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2	24.5
1937-38	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1	20.7
1938-39	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6	21.5
1944-45	224.0	343.8	567.8	208.7	105.8	208.0	38.0	60.3
1945-46	220.4	386.0	606.4	(d) 212.2	115.3	238.1	38.5	59.8
1946-47	206.9	429.7	636.6	261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9	25.8
1947-48	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4	18.1
1948-49	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0	22.1
1949-50	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0	26.5
1950-51	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3	36.9
1949-50—								
March	231.4	775.2	1,006.6	404.7	92.5	433.9	54.5	35.0
April	238.6	779.4	1,018.0	414.9	94.5	457.0	53.7	28.8
May	235.6	766.0	1,001.6	414.1	96.5	466.2	47.9	24.4
June	239.4	765.5	1,004.9	427.2	96.5	442.8	51.1	20.3
1950-51—								
July	244.5	753.3	997.8	440.5	98.6	430.1	49.5	22.9
August	244.3	739.1	983.4	444.1	96.5	441.5	51.6	16.1
September ..	244.0	758.3	1,002.3	449.2	92.9	448.5	60.0	18.5
October	248.7	808.4	1,057.1	465.0	84.6	458.8	58.1	29.6
November ..	250.0	846.5	1,096.5	476.5	80.7	480.3	57.0	33.6
December(e) ..	247.1	886.4	1,133.5	490.5	83.7	486.0	62.1	36.8
January	249.2	909.9	1,159.1	482.0	85.9	498.5	64.8	41.8
February	247.3	950.9	1,198.2	495.3	92.4	523.1	60.8	42.3
March	246.2	1,038.9	1,285.1	507.2	92.6	532.5	70.7	57.8
April	248.1	1,048.9	1,297.0	502.3	88.1	557.5	69.3	57.0
May	251.9	1,039.9	1,291.8	496.9	93.4	575.5	59.5	54.3
June	250.1	987.6	1,237.7	509.5	93.0	569.6	50.5	32.8
1951-52—								
July	252.1	952.2	1,204.3	527.6	91.1	537.8	55.1	24.8
August	249.3	941.3	1,190.6	541.6	81.5	523.0	56.3	35.5
September ..	247.4	929.9	1,177.3	568.5	75.8	519.1	54.5	33.5
October	242.2	937.0	1,179.2	593.8	68.2	509.8	56.1	23.5
November ..	240.2	950.5	1,190.7	620.7	63.2	494.5	61.9	19.3
December (e) ..	240.2	1,002.2	1,242.4	624.8	61.9	483.9	69.2	36.0
January	236.9	981.4	1,218.3	638.6	59.0	483.6	67.7	33.6
February	236.5	992.0	1,228.5	654.6	62.0	458.5	62.9	31.3
March	234.9	1,006.4	1,241.3	664.1	67.6	436.5	64.4	37.9

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	
Averages of Weekly Figures.						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	..	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	..	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	..	37.42
1944-45	6.70	17.31	36.76	55.40	36.63	60.55
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1949-50—						
March	5.41	8.88	40.21	49.40	43.10	77.01
April	5.28	8.10	40.76	50.04	44.89	76.56
May	4.79	7.22	41.34	50.98	46.54	76.48
June	5.08	7.10	42.51	52.11	44.07	76.17
1950-51—						
July	4.96	7.25	44.15	54.03	43.10	75.49
August	5.25	6.88	45.16	54.97	44.89	75.16
September	5.99	7.84	44.81	54.08	44.74	75.66
October	5.50	8.30	43.99	51.99	43.40	76.47
November	5.20	8.26	43.46	50.82	43.80	77.20
December(e)	5.48	8.72	43.25	50.63	42.87	78.20
January	5.58	9.18	41.59	49.00	43.01	78.50
February	5.07	8.60	41.34	49.06	43.66	79.36
March	5.50	9.99	39.47	46.67	41.43	80.84
April	5.34	9.73	38.73	45.52	42.98	80.87
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55	80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02	79.79
1951-52—						
July	4.58	6.64	43.81	51.38	44.65	79.07
August	4.73	7.71	45.49	52.34	43.93	79.06
September	4.63	7.48	48.29	54.73	44.09	78.98
October	4.76	6.75	50.36	56.14	43.24	79.46
November	5.20	6.82	52.13	57.44	41.53	79.83
December (e)	5.57	8.47	50.29	55.28	38.95	80.67
January	5.23	7.99	52.42	57.26	39.70	80.55
February	5.24	7.78	53.28	58.33	37.32	80.75
March	5.18	8.23	53.50	58.94	35.16	81.08

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(General Banking Division and Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

Period.			Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
			Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.									
1945-46(b)	..	..	21.1	35.8	56.9	20.5	7.4	5.4	35.2
1946-47	..	..	17.6	41.4	59.0	25.7	7.2	3.1	36.5
1947-48	..	..	13.9	44.5	58.4	33.3	7.4	1.2	32.7
1948-49	..	..	13.2	52.4	65.6	49.2	6.9	0.5	34.5
1949-50	..	..	14.8	72.3	87.1	81.7	14.0	2.0	35.4
1950-51	..	..	19.4	93.6	113.0	102.4	8.4	24.1	27.1
1949-50—									
March	..	..	16.4	71.7	88.1	105.9	6.2	3.5	41.1
April	..	..	16.3	72.3	88.6	111.8	5.7	6.5	35.8
May	..	..	15.9	71.5	87.4	104.0	5.3	6.5	34.3
June	..	..	16.3	71.5	87.8	95.7	4.9	6.5	29.8
1950-51—									
July	..	..	16.8	72.2	89.0	94.3	5.9	6.5	26.8
August	..	..	17.8	74.9	92.7	91.6	5.5	5.7	30.4
September	..	..	17.6	82.7	100.3	96.2	8.0	11.3	32.1
October	..	..	18.0	87.4	105.4	95.5	5.9	14.3	32.6
November	..	..	18.5	95.4	113.9	91.1	10.6	15.6	35.6
December(c)	..	..	18.5	102.3	120.8	93.0	13.7	20.3	33.6
January	..	..	18.2	88.0	106.2	98.8	6.9	19.4	27.8
February	..	..	18.1	97.2	115.3	103.6	11.2	23.3	26.6
March	..	..	18.3	111.5	129.8	114.0	14.4	38.5	25.1
April	..	..	24.2	107.0	131.2	116.9	7.6	51.5	19.4
May	..	..	24.0	106.5	130.5	121.9	6.4	47.5	19.5
June	..	..	22.3	102.8	125.1	111.5	7.1	36.9	16.2
1951-52—									
July	..	..	22.7	96.0	118.7	106.9	6.1	34.5	14.2
August	..	..	22.5	92.8	115.3	105.6	7.4	32.5	10.8
September	..	..	20.8	93.5	114.3	104.5	9.8	30.5	9.4
October	..	..	20.5	100.5	121.0	106.5	15.6	29.1	10.8
November	..	..	20.2	107.2	127.4	110.8	20.4	26.2	11.4
December (c)	..	..	18.9	120.9	139.8	112.6	29.0	27.5	11.2
January	..	..	17.9	100.1	118.0	116.6	11.5	23.0	11.2
February	..	..	18.8	96.2	115.0	133.6	11.6	24.1	11.2
March	..	..	19.4	96.6	116.0	154.2	6.1	23.6	13.6

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b)	16.9	176.9	193.8	241.8	26.9	144.4	181.6	418.3
1946-47	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1949-50—								
March	27.8	196.1	223.9	437.0	35.1	203.9	485.3	341.7
April	29.6	200.5	230.1	461.3	31.2	211.7	507.0	343.9
May	29.6	199.3	228.9	471.2	25.7	209.1	497.7	346.8
June	28.7	201.9	230.6	447.8	28.7	206.5	503.2	341.7
1950-51—								
July	28.7	203.5	232.2	434.3	26.2	213.6	534.2	324.6
August	29.5	204.9	234.4	445.2	27.8	201.2	534.0	322.9
September	29.2	206.9	236.1	452.2	37.3	204.7	532.4	337.8
October	30.2	208.4	238.6	462.5	35.3	221.0	543.0	362.4
November	30.7	210.5	241.2	483.4	33.9	220.1	559.2	365.9
December	(c) 35.7	(c) 222.8	258.5	488.2	36.5	220.8	563.2	376.4
January	36.0	219.1	255.1	501.5	36.6	235.0	567.0	400.7
February	32.7	220.4	253.1	526.0	35.6	238.0	591.6	389.0
March	35.1	229.4	264.5	535.4	46.7	270.7	640.6	407.6
April	35.1	231.0	266.1	560.4	44.2	281.4	676.4	398.2
May	34.9	234.6	269.5	578.4	34.5	278.3	701.2	368.6
June	35.0	238.6	273.6	572.6	23.3	278.5	718.2	346.9
1951-52—								
July	34.9	241.4	276.3	540.8	29.5	287.3	712.6	345.2
August	35.3	244.6	279.9	526.0	30.0	281.3	696.5	351.7
September	35.7	248.0	283.7	522.1	26.9	274.3	665.8	372.8
October	37.4	249.6	287.0	512.8	26.5	277.8	615.5	412.4
November	37.3	252.8	290.1	497.4	32.3	287.1	512.5	513.7
December	(c) 43.3	(c) 264.6	307.9	484.0	35.9	275.0	446.6	581.0
January	43.5	257.9	301.4	486.0	33.4	267.4	386.3	615.9
February	38.2	256.6	294.8	461.0	36.2	259.9	335.8	627.5
March	36.9	259.9	296.8	438.9	36.4	264.0	316.6	613.1

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946 ; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.
months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays

(b) Ten

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(c)	245.8	437.1	682.9	249.4	48.4	68.4	160.3	
1946-47	229.5	481.1	710.6	309.7	47.6	29.7	140.0	
1947-48(d)	221.2	528.7	749.9	394.7	54.9	20.1	108.8	
1948-49	231.8	635.9	867.7	457.6	59.1	24.4	109.6	
1949-50	249.3	781.0	1,030.3	531.8	70.0	29.5	132.3	
1950-51	279.6	1,022.0	1,301.6	638.4	72.6	64.1	129.7	
1949-50—								
March	258.9	876.9	1,135.8	557.8	66.7	41.0	147.8	
April	267.1	881.2	1,148.3	575.0	64.1	38.5	144.9	
May	265.7	863.3	1,129.0	567.2	57.6	32.7	145.1	
June	270.0	861.9	1,131.9	574.2	59.4	27.9	139.0	
1950-51—								
July	273.3	850.7	1,124.0	588.9	58.3	30.4	136.6	
August	273.1	839.5	1,112.6	590.1	59.7	22.7	137.8	
September	273.0	868.4	1,141.4	600.2	71.9	30.7	135.8	
October	278.6	923.4	1,202.0	616.7	68.5	44.9	127.9	
November	280.9	969.5	1,250.4	625.0	72.4	50.0	127.1	
December(e)	278.1	1,018.2	1,296.3	641.4	80.3	58.6	128.7	
January	279.7	1,029.5	1,309.2	637.5	76.3	64.1	126.0	
February	273.2	1,081.6	1,359.8	656.6	77.4	69.2	132.0	
March	277.5	1,189.6	1,467.1	679.1	92.0	102.0	131.2	
April	285.5	1,196.1	1,481.6	677.1	83.6	115.2	121.5	
May	289.7	1,185.7	1,475.4	676.0	72.4	108.8	127.7	
June	285.5	1,127.3	1,412.8	678.4	62.6	74.1	124.1	
1951-52—								
July	287.4	1,084.5	1,371.9	692.5	66.8	61.2	120.4	
August	284.1	1,070.1	1,354.2	705.6	69.0	69.8	107.5	
September	280.6	1,058.3	1,338.9	732.1	68.9	65.8	100.4	
October	275.4	1,071.7	1,347.1	760.7	75.5	54.4	94.1	
November	272.5	1,092.2	1,364.7	792.3	86.9	47.2	89.5	
December (e)	271.1	1,159.3	1,430.4	798.8	103.2	65.5	87.9	
January	266.8	1,120.5	1,387.3	817.7	85.1	60.0	85.0	
February	267.2	1,131.3	1,398.5	851.1	77.5	60.1	87.9	
March	267.7	1,146.3	1,414.0	881.8	76.7	67.7	95.9	

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act 1945*. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) Average based on first three Wednesdays only.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b)	46.7	43.5	14.7	8.7	5.8	2.9	0.1	122.4
1946-47 ..	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(c) 7.1	3.4	0.1	(c) 148.9
1947-48(e)	(d) 69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1	(d) 175.9
1948-49 ..	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2	212.8
1949-50 ..	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3	271.1
1950-51 ..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1949-50—								
March ..	118.6	110.6	30.1	22.4	16.8	6.7	0.3	305.5
April ..	108.8	106.5	30.4	20.0	12.9	5.7	0.3	284.6
May ..	122.6	113.9	34.6	20.6	14.4	6.5	0.3	312.9
June ..	121.2	110.0	34.6	21.1	13.9	6.7	0.3	307.8
1950-51—								
July ..	121.3	115.7	36.5	22.7	15.1	6.9	0.3	318.5
August ..	109.2	102.5	30.4	20.3	13.7	6.3	0.3	282.7
September ..	126.3	109.7	34.0	23.5	17.4	6.3	0.3	317.5
October ..	135.5	129.5	38.7	24.7	17.8	6.5	0.4	353.1
November ..	147.9	132.3	40.6	24.9	19.0	6.4	0.4	371.5
December ..	158.0	141.0	40.9	28.3	20.5	6.8	0.3	395.8
January ..	131.6	125.7	35.1	25.2	21.9	6.4	0.4	346.3
February ..	161.1	149.0	38.7	30.4	22.6	8.5	0.4	410.7
March ..	160.0	143.5	40.6	32.8	20.6	8.6	0.4	406.5
April ..	161.1	169.9	44.6	30.2	25.0	8.5	0.4	439.7
May ..	167.3	156.6	44.5	30.3	19.6	8.6	0.4	427.3
June ..	168.2	149.3	45.0	30.5	18.7	8.9	0.4	421.0
1951-52—								
July ..	159.4	148.3	45.5	30.3	20.3	9.2	0.5	413.5
August ..	141.8	128.2	38.6	25.6	19.1	7.9	0.4	361.6
September ..	153.0	130.8	40.6	27.3	18.9	8.3	0.4	379.3
October ..	162.9	150.0	46.0	31.5	21.8	8.2	0.5	420.9
November ..	170.5	148.8	42.2	30.5	21.4	8.4	0.4	422.2
December ..	175.9	157.4	46.5	35.4	23.5	9.6	0.5	448.8
January ..	146.2	133.3	36.5	27.2	24.5	7.4	0.4	375.5
February ..	155.3	153.4	38.4	33.9	24.3	9.0	0.4	414.7
March ..	152.1	142.2	39.1	34.3	22.3	10.2	0.5	400.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

(c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page.

(e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.									War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6	..
1944-45 ..	198.2	182.1	80.1	57.0	31.8	16.9	(a)	0.9	567.0	52.5
1945-46 ..	236.2	211.3	90.1	65.9	38.3	20.4	0.4	1.0	663.6	54.7
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	0.5	1.0	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	0.6	1.1	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.3	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	0.7	1.2	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4	48.1
1949-50—										
March ..	252.6	249.4	89.8	85.2	38.7	23.9	0.8	1.4	741.8	56.7
April ..	253.5	250.7	89.9	85.6	38.8	24.0	0.8	1.4	744.7	56.1
May ..	253.7	251.6	90.2	85.7	38.7	24.0	0.8	1.4	746.1	55.6
June ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	(b) 762.1	55.0
1950-51—										
July ..	260.0	256.9	92.4	88.1	39.7	24.4	0.9	1.5	763.9	54.5
August ..	259.0	256.4	92.5	87.9	39.6	24.6	0.9	1.5	762.4	53.9
September	259.7	258.0	93.2	88.5	40.0	24.7	0.9	1.5	766.5	53.3
October	259.3	258.3	93.4	88.6	40.0	24.6	0.9	1.5	766.6	52.7
November	259.0	258.5	93.4	88.9	39.9	24.5	0.9	1.6	766.7	52.1
December	260.1	259.3	93.8	89.3	39.8	24.5	0.9	1.5	769.2	51.4
January ..	261.7	260.9	93.8	90.2	40.0	24.7	0.9	1.5	773.7	50.9
February	264.4	262.2	94.2	91.3	40.5	25.2	0.9	1.5	780.2	50.3
March ..	278.7	273.6	98.4	95.0	43.3	26.3	0.9	1.6	817.8	49.7
April ..	279.4	274.8	98.2	95.5	43.6	26.5	0.9	1.7	820.6	49.2
May ..	279.8	277.0	98.6	95.8	43.9	26.7	0.9	1.7	824.4	48.7
June ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	(b) 837.4	48.1
1951-52—										
July ..	285.5	283.3	99.3	98.7	44.9	27.5	1.0	1.7	841.9	47.6
August ..	287.4	285.0	100.2	99.6	45.6	28.0	1.0	1.7	848.5	47.0
September	288.9	286.8	100.7	99.4	45.7	28.1	1.0	1.8	852.4	46.4
October	290.7	288.2	101.0	99.8	46.0	28.3	1.0	1.8	856.8	45.9
November	292.5	289.8	101.6	100.3	46.2	28.5	1.0	1.8	861.7	45.4
December	293.2	290.2	101.7	100.6	46.0	28.5	1.0	1.7	862.9	44.8
January ..	295.3	293.0	101.4	101.6	46.3	28.7	1.0	1.8	869.1	44.3
February	296.9	294.1	100.8	102.3	46.3	29.2	1.0	1.8	872.4	43.9
March ..	297.7	294.8	100.5	102.4	46.3	29.4	1.0	1.8	873.9	43.5

(a) Included with South Australia.
in June.

(b) Interest added—1949-50, £12.2m.; 1950-51, £12.8m. The major part of this interest was added

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest).		Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.		
							Under 5 years.	10 years and over.	
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5
							Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.		
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	
							(c)	(c)	
1944-45 ..	0.56	0.81	1.28	1.78	2.0	1.17	2.47	3.25	4.9
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	d 1.60	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.7
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1949-50—									
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.14	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.15	4.4
1950-51—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.15	4.4
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.15	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.17	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.98	3.15	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.21	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.27	4.4
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.28	4.4
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4
1951-52—									
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.73	4.4
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.83	4.4
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.01	3.80	4.4
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.76	4.4
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.75	4.4
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.82	4.4
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.81	4.4

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) For December, 1945 and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1944-45	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1949-50—					
March	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.795	2.225	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.781	2.213	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.797	2.225	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.			New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
			Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
			Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
				£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Averages.											
1937	..	..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	..	..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	..	..	11,292	3,886	32,124	1,545	1,144	541	833	303	n.a.
1945	..	..	10,918	5,086	24,197	1,636	1,635	781	1,016	409	n.a.
1946	..	..	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	n.a.
1947(a)	..	..	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947-48(a)	..	..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	..	..	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	..	..	20,492	12,176	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51	..	..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
Monthly Totals.											
1949-50—											
January	..	..	11,748	6,825	9,945	1,003	2,480	673	1,041	374	1,387
February	..	..	15,955	8,848	24,529	2,458	2,384	984	1,128	462	1,965
March	..	..	21,343	13,023	28,428	2,862	3,011	1,083	1,278	555	3,284
April	..	..	17,400	10,478	20,234	2,087	2,561	916	1,024	409	4,513
May	..	..	21,344	13,196	32,123	3,283	3,202	1,059	1,404	561	2,620
June	..	..	21,341	12,712	25,894	2,689	3,791	1,053	1,439	535	6,003
1950-51—											
July	..	..	21,192	13,847	27,600	2,838	3,325	1,059	1,309	538	3,286
August	..	..	23,897	15,476	25,686	2,671	3,257	1,053	1,359	530	3,579
September	..	..	30,918	18,353	28,496	2,984	3,059	1,009	1,422	512	2,768
October	..	..	18,273	11,894	28,880	2,930	3,020	1,087	1,387	527	4,112
November	..	..	20,832	14,221	23,539	2,444	3,092	1,129	1,348	495	3,451
December	..	..	24,895	19,676	15,836	1,642	3,359	1,198	1,221	470	5,503
January	..	..	12,163	8,221	8,162	885	2,824	687	1,077	366	2,692
February	..	..	15,816	10,631	21,445	2,307	2,712	1,021	1,187	463	4,152
March	..	..	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956
April	..	..	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753
May	..	..	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803
June	..	..	26,558	20,711	22,352	2,543	4,096	1,022	1,341	513	4,658
1951-52—											
July	..	..	24,178	19,569	27,368	3,138	3,964	1,119	1,483	576	6,083
August	..	..	29,639	21,861	23,916	2,798	3,610	1,131	1,410	547	4,560
September	..	..	29,451	22,258	27,768	3,405	3,466	1,013	1,414	503	4,771
October	..	..	23,155	18,376	26,172	3,119	3,421	1,176	1,549	564	4,333
November	..	..	23,659	17,291	22,817	2,763	3,541	1,228	1,471	570	3,599
December	..	..	28,745	26,194	17,366	2,100	3,586	1,209	1,316	492	3,999
January	..	..	12,675	9,102	8,110	970	3,281	745	1,302	427	3,244

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July–February, 1950–51.			July–February, 1951–52.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (–).
New South Wales(b) ..	74,837	79,643	— 4,806	99,683	103,524	— 3,841
Victoria	31,947	38,489	— 6,542	44,251	51,914	— 7,663
Queensland	25,402	27,546	— 2,144	33,527	33,936	— 409
South Australia	18,628	19,270	— 642	22,797	23,647	— 850
Western Australia	17,621	18,257	— 636	21,037	22,191	— 1,154
Tasmania	4,436	5,061	— 625	6,101	6,945	— 844
Six States	172,871	188,266	— 15,395	227,396	242,157	— 14,761
Commonwealth	413,915	432,448	— 18,533	497,840	530,271	— 32,431
Grand Total	530,763	564,691	— 33,928	645,282	692,474	— 47,192

Government of—	1950–51.			1951–52 Estimate.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (–).
New South Wales(b) ..	130,653	130,620	+ 33	167,482	167,077	+ 405
Victoria	63,544	63,888	— 344	80,126	80,610	— 484
Queensland	44,723	44,625	+ 98	52,270	52,234	+ 36
South Australia	31,072	30,842	+ 230	37,258	37,243	+ 15
Western Australia	28,973	28,814	+ 159	33,096	33,158	— 62
Tasmania	7,820	8,066	— 246	9,815	10,274	— 459
Six States	306,785	306,855	— 70	380,047	380,596	— 549
Commonwealth	841,792	841,792	..	1,056,104	941,572	+ 114,532
Grand Total	1,034,300	1,034,370	— 70	1,325,782	1,211,799	+ 113,983

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

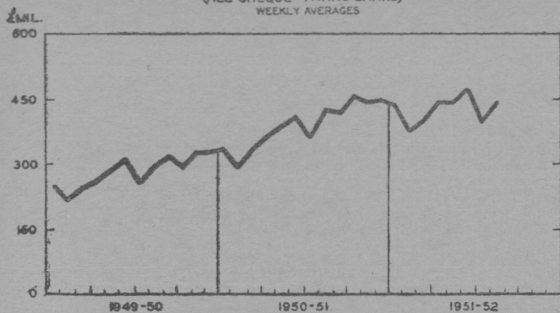
COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

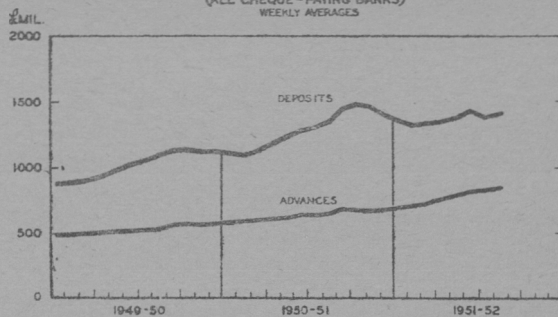
Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 31st Mar., 1952—								
Australia (b) ..	258,280	..	5,000	..	..	..	1,000	264,280
London	970	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	23,838
At 31st Mar., 1951—								
Australia (b) ..	198,280	..	2,000	..	..	..	400	200,680
London	1,220	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	24,088

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

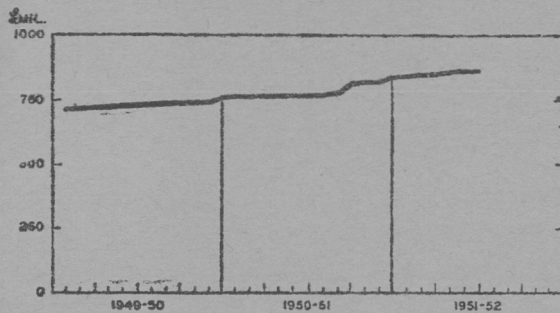
DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS
(ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS)
WEEKLY AVERAGES



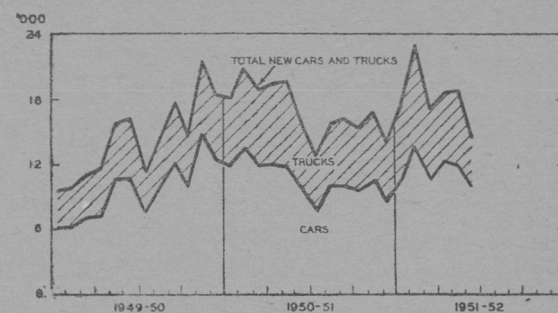
DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES
(ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS)
WEEKLY AVERAGES



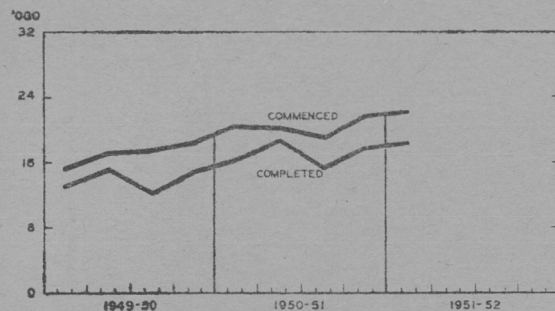
SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS



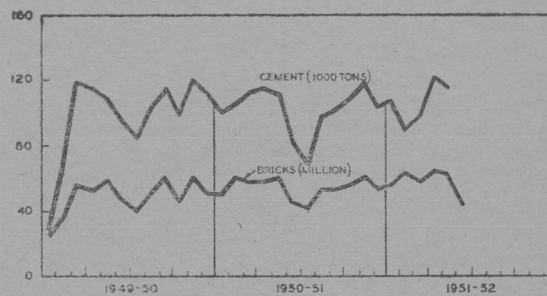
NEW CARS AND TRUCKS REGISTERED



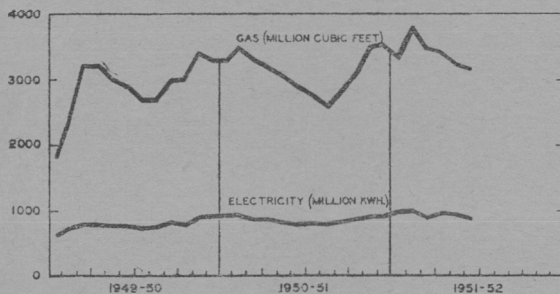
NEW HOUSES



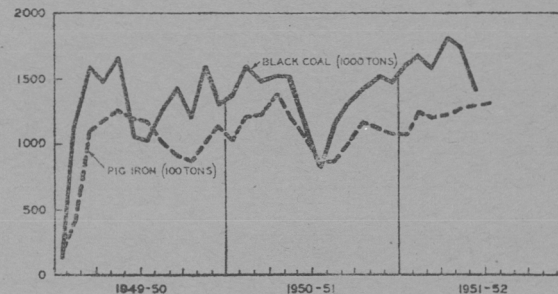
PRODUCTION OF BRICKS AND CEMENT



PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY



PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND PIG IRON



BUREAU PUBLICATIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE.

- Apr. 1. Monthly Bulletin of Australian Banking Statistics, No. 78 : February, 1952.
,, 1. Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics, No. 121 : December, 1951.
,, 3. Monthly Australian Demographic Review, No. 15 : March, 1952.
,, 3. Savings Bank Deposits, No. 56 : February, 1952.
,, 4. Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics, No. 122 : January, 1952.
,, 4. Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics, No. 205 : September, 1951.
,, 8. Monthly Bulletin of Australian Production Statistics, No. 41 : April, 1952.
,, 8. Monthly Bulletin of Oversea Trade Statistics : February, 1952.
,, 9. Exports of Wool : Eight Months Ended February, 1952 (S.S. 63).
,, 10. Survey of Retail Establishments : December Quarter, 1951 (S.S. 62).
,, 10. Gold Mining : Year Ended December, 1951 (S.S. 61).
,, 10. Oversea Trade : March, 1952 (S.S. 64).
,, 11. Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics, No. 123 : February, 1952.
,, 15. The Australian Balance of Payments 1949-50, 1950-51, and first half 1951-52.
,, 17. Retail Price Variations—All Items ("C" Series) Index : March Quarter, 1952 (S.S. 65).
,, 18. Monthly Review of Business Statistics, No. 173, February, 1952.
,, 19. Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles, No. 9, March, 1952.
,, 21. Monthly Bulletin of Australian Life Assurance Statistics, No. 60, January, 1952.
,, 22. Monthly Index of Australian Export Prices : January, 1952 (S.S. 66).
,, 24. Dairy Summary : February, 1952 (Vol. 15, No. 2).